

Jan 7, 1939

Dear Slugs,

Pardon the scratchy pen. It usually takes till the second page before it decides to behave. But I still think it's a good idea.

I wish someone would inform me of what goes on. How did Kay come out in Arizona? Any luck? I sure hope

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to get back here Monday night.
So maybe I'll have a report
on you then. I trust
you treated them right.
How are Art and Dick and
DeVota and Bobbie and
Chet and Hubert? Also
tell Hubert his slipping.
He hasn't acknowledged
my Xmas card yet.

Dad, you got a bunch
of books here from Bucknell.
I like your last book

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so, but I also hope that
won't deprive me of the
Page-Juniors company this
summer. But let me
know the worst, or the
best please. Also,
have you found a good
place for Sandra yet?
And how about Jane?
I can't ever seem to get
an answer from her.

How did you like
my Yale Corps? They broke

Will open them and sell them.
If not - when do you want
them sent? And how
about sending some of your
last book up for the book
store - about 50 - and how
much would you sell
them for here? None of the
100 left. Everybody there
appreciated them. Tom says
thank and hello. He's doing
well. How about you by
now? I wish you'd take care
of yourself. Don't let that
poisoning spread any further.
A letter please - Love - Sally

Tuesday, Jan 10/39

Dear Kirby: I am still in this harness that makes me so helpless, one arm useless and the right one not so good. I am home, with a practical nurse and at least can look after the house and roomers better.

I am enclosing a check for \$300.00 dollars (plus 18.00 for interest) which Leak borrowed from you. I wish I could have talked with Mother before she left, but since that was denied me, I will have to do the best I can about the place and furniture. I hope Mother is getting stronger and will soon be well again. Please

let her write me. As will
keep me both, for we both love
him so much. Give her my
love and tell her I am pray-
ing for her.

Ask her to live in the place
with you? I had a good woman
in mind who might live
in Cleveland with her. But
as it is she can at least be
with her two boys.

I hope all are well, and
please let me hear from
Mother. As will be several
weeks before I will be able to
get about much.

Sincerely,
Norman -

January 13, 1939

Dear Billie and Iris:

It was nice to get your Christmas greeting. We often think and talk of you folks. Mother is holding up remarkably well although the strain upon her has been terrific. We are building her a little house in the village of La Habra where she can have seclusion and yet be near enough so that we can see her every day.

We are deeply grateful for the help Iris rendered at the time of Leak's death. Do keep us in touch with developments at your end. Can you not plan to pay us a visit on your vacation next summer? It would be grand to have you.

All goes well here. We are a very happy family, and feel extremely fortunate in the selection of wives made by Perry and Kay. We get along remarkably well together.

Do keep us informed with what you are doing.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Folse
1701 West 13th Street
Houston, Texas

KP:MK

January 14, 1939

Dear Norma:

It was nice to get your letter and to know that you are rapidly recovering. What a close call you had! We do hope that you will soon be back to normal good health.

We were glad to receive the check and thank you for it.

Mother is getting along much better than we had feared would be the case. She was terribly sick before leaving Cleveland and the long trip was an ordeal. We are building her a small house in a secluded spot just outside the city limits of La Habra. The plot of ground is 100 by 133 feet, with good soil. An orange grove and a lemon grove constitute boundaries on two sides, with intervening lots between her place and the next house. It will be easy for use to see her enroute to the postoffice and stores. Someone goes to town practically every day.

The weather is really glorious now - brilliant sunshine and clear atmosphere.

Do keep us in touch with the progress that you are making.

Affectionately yours,

Wed. Jan. 18, '39

Dear Paddy -

How are you getting along about now? Is the neck any better? I hope so. Don't go too ~~fast~~ hard on your next jaunt.

Thanks a lot for the check. It came just about the right time. According to my figures - I should be able to get by on \$40 or 45 a month - or rather 4 weeks. Which doesn't take tuition into account tho. Two trips to N.Y. but the only times I'll be doing that from now on will be in March to see you, and maybe spring vacation.

Spent ice skating last night.
 It was swell. you should see
 me!!! It was nice and warm
 too. We - Mary Ensign and myself
 and 5 guys - were out about
 an hour and a half. My
 ankles or rather instep bothered
 me for the first 45 min or so but
 after that were o.k. if I didn't
 do too much. Some of the
 guys here are really good skaters.
 I borrowed the skates. a bit long
 for me - but not too wide, and
 laced up tight.

I've got a pile of work lined
 up, but it's all interesting.
 I'm getting back in the swing of
 studying now, too. I'm taking
 that Psychiatry seminar - it's
 good - and also Tuccor's

2.

Does that sound O.K. to you?

We've been keeping in advance on the rent. We're having a lot of fun cooking, and get better food. Three of us eat together regularly, and Polly joins in for lunch about half the time.

Tell mother and all thanks look for the sweaters. They fit swell, and am I glad to get a long sleeved one. They're both cute as the dickens. I'm afraid the coat is hopeless - but if I freeze I'll wear it anyway. I've been able to stand the cold a lot better than I thought I would. It's not bad at all. Besides I'm not out in it so terribly much.

20th Cent. Literature + Relig. which is
1/2 unit and twice as much time -
but much easier to do. It's
a picnic. I got the most fun
out of his classes. My report
down from went over ok. Spence
worked hard on it.

At first - since I didn't have
to get a breakfast and didn't
have any early classes - I
got up later in the mornings -
but lately for then getting
up early again. I feel better,
really - partly perhaps because I
get more work done. I always
feel horrible when I get behind
in studying. I feel pretty good
about it now - except worry a
bit about topics for 3 year papers.
for which - Hartshorn and Sussork. Take!
Behave yourself - and send me a schedule.
- for ever. Mary

Wed. Jan 25. '59

Dear Paddy.

all ready to start out on
another jaunt? How's the
week by now? and how's
the family?

How about the books? -
are you sending any of the
new ones up - the bookstall
could sell some. How about
it - and would you sell
them any cheaper here - I
mean individually - not in
groups? Better let me know.
there weren't any of the 100
left. By the way I got
a B on your course - and a
C- from Wickham. This term
will probably be worse. I'm
a bit out of my depth, but
I struggle along. I'm getting

a lot out of it anyway.

Lucas's course is swell -
and I enjoy the reading -
only trouble is I'm tempted
to spend too much time on
it to the neglect of the others.

Doing more reading for which
tho. Haven't been able to
get the books yet that I
want for Press & Hartsorne -
but I've read one before that
Press wanted. I've got to
start on a couple of term papers
pretty soon how tho.

How would you react to
having another member of
the family? - Don't
throw up your hands and
say 'all that to for stranger
again.' Seriously - wait

has expressed the desire to
join - and this I have
definitely committed my self -
I do think he's the right
guy for me. As far as
when - we wouldn't be
acknowledging. Walt has
2 more years here probably.
Anyway - plans can wait
a while. What
have you to say - and
above all, what do you
think of Walt. As
for the basis for our love -
I don't think you need to
worry. It's a twist

and a screwball, but so am
I - and heaven knows he
does me worlds of good -
I certainly do need him -
and so help me - I love
him. So I guess that
covers that. Letters are

rather inadequate affairs
aren't they? Anyway
you might try answering
a few specific questions in
your next rather than
ignoring half of them.

Mother too - and by the
way - it won't hurt the
whole country if they don't
know about this - how would
it? - I know you won't be
afraid to say what you think -
so shout ahead - five - many



CHICAGO

Monday Jan 31st

My Dears, Kirby & Perry

No our good weather did not last long - warmer for two days but blowing hard, rained, & came a rather last night - ice, cold again to night I'm sure I have been busy keeping warm in the kitchen to day - do you know to night will be four years since Murr went away - I have no idea how much longer I must sit here alone - & it's the best way for me to be - as long as 'God sees fit' to keep me here, not quite so much trouble to every one - I finished quilting on the quilt last week, worked on the warmest days - bought a 25ct bundle of scraps - & they, with a few from Norma, made it, eight of people made the lining - it filled in 2 months time for me - the pictures of the house are real good thanks for sending me one, Perry, Tues Feb came in coldest of winter over

big frost & ice all about -
hope my peas - sweet, & English
will stand it - looks now ^{as} if they can
going in to Tom middle of the day - if
wind does not blow too hard to get a
bundle of scraps - must have something
to help pass off time, cannot read all
the time - Dad's good - have heard
lots of good things lately,
cor doing very well - standing in
pen all the time - one hen started
to set, not laying so good - too cold -
well - Spring is not so long off - I
will feel fine when things start
growing - love, & best wishes for all
Mother

Feb. 2, 1939

Dear Alma and Kirby

Kirby your little message, written way last fall just before you left to go east, did our hearts more good than I can tell you. When we got home and thought about everything, California looked a long way off and we did a lot of wondering. So we appreciated your letter very much. I hope you folks have not thought me unduly concerned about my child, with my frequent letters and admonitions. This weaning process has been a bit hard, I will have to admit.

I was just in the act of writing you a line when Iris letter came telling of your call to Texas. We didn't know where to write you there and it was just hard for me to write after we knew you were home. That was a sad experience for you. Our sympathy was and is with you. Merlin has intended to write but it seems like every week swamps him more. The increase in interest and the growth of cooperatives all over our territory is very gratifying, but it means the work increases so fast at the office they can hardly keep pace.

We have been delighted with the book. It has been a real help. Iris gave me some references in it that made us all seem closer. Thank you so much for sending it. We can appreciate it the more for having been in the group last summer, and it such a help in keeping from getting lost in the rush. We would like to express just a word of appreciation to Mary too, for knowing the contribution she made to it makes her seem much less a stranger to us.

Kirby we are really disappointed you are not coming this way soon. We were all getting pretty anxious to have some one tell us all about Iris. But we will be looking forward to seeing you in March. And please don't plan to just rush in and out between trains. Don't misunderstand, it is not only to know about Iris, but we will be so happy to have the pleasure of having you here. There will be much to talk about and take time, and we want you to visit CCA, and we will be more than happy to take you any place else that is of interest to you about K.C. We wish Alma could be with you. Maybe we can look forward to that some time. We are toying with the idea of a little trip west next summer but don't know what can be worked out. Thank you so much for the invitation. We think it would be grand.

Alma I hope Iris is as good a daughter as she used to be. I have missed her so much. I don't worry about her one bit, but I do miss her.

With love and good wishes to all, including Grandma

Murray,

Frances

Feb. 6, 1939

Dear Mom,

How's about a letter from your side of the family. The others do pretty well, but with all the jamming you get, it's a pity you couldn't write too. How about it? And send me one of Dad's Schedules.

You're pretty silent as to what you think of Walt. — and he's a hard person to be silent about. What's the verdict? Anyway — I finally told him yes. The it was pretty well understood.

I hope we can be married
this summer. When, will
depend on what kind of a
job he is able to get. and
we think home would be a
swell place for it. ??

I guess we'll be back here
next year. Incidentally -

wives can audit courses
without paying - and since

I don't want a degree - why
I'll do that - and save
tuition. then if I can

get a job (fingers crossed)
then - maybe it won't be so hard.
Walt will have to get a good
job tho. If I work on it -

Maybe I can get this vocational
Guidance job - I hope so - if
not maybe I could work at
School - several of the wives
do. Incidentally, I thought
I might wait to go through
that Sunnyside stuff, till
next year - or till spring at
least. There ought to be some
junk there we could use here -
and since I don't have any
place to store it here now -
then we could store some here
over the summer I think.
What do you think? Just
what is there anyway? - Some
pans & dishes maybe? Hope so.

I feel plain lazy this morning.
This is the first Sun. I haven't
gone to church in a long time.
We decided Walt needed sleep
more. He's been going pretty
hard. We went to see
Joe Cook's latest last night.
Off to Buffalo. It's terrible. If
it lasts a week on Broadway they
will have to fix it up a lot.
They try the new shows out here
first - lot of them. K. Hepburn's
"Philadelphia Story" by Baine here next.
We go for 55¢. Terrible theatre tho
absolutely the steepest thing I ever
saw, bar none. Well - how about
a letter - and you might write
Walt too if you so desire - would
be swell - Love ever - Marn

Feb. 4

Dear Peggy -

"Will you be my Valentine?"
How are you? Thanks
so much for your swell
letter. Walt got 3 for
home - his Dad, Sis & Brother -
the same day you came -
their first since we
sprang the news on them.
They all seemed delighted
too. It's such fun!

We didn't get so much
studying done for about
2 weeks there - but now
we've settled back into
our stride - and at least
I'm getting plenty of reading
done, even if my

2-14

Darling:

The duplicate check from the hotel B. and the check from Mrs. Lane (142.22.) and the book orders have been coming in.

Everything coming along fine, weather and all. There was a hold up on the electric connection because the inspector failed to send in his report to S.A. immediately. However grandma gets in today, and things are partitioned and partly wired, and shelves put up and peets in ground. We have things collected to send down and will turn her loose today.

Heaps and traps loose and then lots and lots more. And for goodness sake, don't overdo.

Always yours

Alva.

2-14

Darling:

after writing this morning I find
that the Insurance check needs
individual endorsements so here
it is. I will endorse it on return.

Enclosed is your valentine from
Mary. Must be for you because
she puts Jr. on Kay's or sends it "Kay".
Anyway she thought of you -
much, much love

Always ever young
Alma.

Hi - Feller,

Feb. 15, 1939.

About the luckiest guy in the world says "Thank you for the swell reception!" Certainly appreciated your fine letter - but I feel pretty shaky - and unworthy. On the other hand, I don't know of any greater inspiration one could have than such a daughter(!) and father to work with.

It was good to get your reaction on continuing school here, as I have felt too that such a plan was the only wise thing to do. We have faith that a way will be found to "get-along" (I don't

think it will take much.)

Enclosing a little piece I found in my reading on the Industrial Work of The 'Y' - thought that it might be useful - at least in pointing out that the very best meaning industrialists are pretty helpless and despairing - if realistic - about their situation in the present set-up.

Our thoughts and prayers go with you in your grand work. May God richly bless you and give you strength.
Your affectionate "son",
Loact.



HOTEL THOMAS

PHILIP E. THOMAS, MGR.

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Feb. 17

Sweetheart:

It was nice to get your letter
and enclosure. Here is the endorsed
check. I have sent \$115 to
Farrar & Rhindhart and \$50 to
Association Press. Next week will
send checks to you.

Am feeling O.K. Have taken
a pill every morning. From
now on will take them twice
per week. Am determined not
to attempt too much.

Had wonderful times at
Prairie View. They were extremely

Feb. 20, 1939

Dear Pappy -

I wish you'd send
me a schedule - how
in week do you expect
to get a letter from me
otherwise - ?? I'm not
sure when you're going
to be with Ed. King.
but I'll try anyway.

When are you going to
be in N.Y.C. ? or have
your plans changed?
I want to come down

Time sure flies. It won't
be long now. This is
a big year for us - and
the next ones are going
to be just as big. We
both feel so damn lucky
to get this chance to be
here. We're feeling our
way along as to what
we will be doing later -
but the need is so
great everywhere, that
whatever we are called
on to do - I know it
will be right. I only

and see you when you
do get there - what
day are you going to be there?
If you let me know, maybe
I can arrange to see
Clarence Ludwig at the
same time and get
that stuff cleaned up.

How is everything
going? I'm sure
having a swell time, as
might be expected.

Best. I'm so happy - everything
is so wonderful.

hope we don't miss our
opportunity in preparing
for it. Walt's got such
a wonderful spirit - and
I'm sure I help him as
much as he helps me.
It all feels so right
somehow. We belong together -
and all we have to watch
is that we don't get too
selfish about it and lose
sight of the rest.

I've put all this very badly -
but at all like I wanted
to - but maybe I can do
a better job when I see
you - Walt sends his
best - love. Mary

LYNCHBURG COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
LYNCHBURG, VA.

Feb. 20th

Sweetheart:

Remember!!

What happy years thus have
been! What glorious days together
are ahead!!

Response here most encouraging.

Going now to Richmond.

Not until Friday, March 7th, do
you start toward Pittsburgh. We
were a week ahead in our
conversation.

Feeling glorifurrious!!

Love and kisses

Kirby

★ HOTEL CONCORD ★
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

★ CARLHEIM HOTEL ★
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

HOTEL CHESTER ★ CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
★ CALDWELL HOTEL ★ MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA
★ ALBEMARLE HOTEL ★ ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Written from
Chester S. C.

Feb. 24

Dearest:

all goes well. am
feeling O.K. Good response
all along the line. Meeting
many old friends. Saw
Eunice King. She is a
Junior at the Woman's
College in Greensboro.

Be sure to send
Mary \$40. and
pay income tax. You
have envelopes addressed
already.

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★ HOTEL CONCORD ★
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

★ CARLHEIM HOTEL ★
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

HOTEL CHESTER ★
CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
★ CALDWELL HOTEL ★
MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA
★ ALBEMARLE HOTEL ★
ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Written from

You will be thrilled by
Mary's letter. It is really
wonderful the way she
is developing. By all
means write to her
often and enthusiastically.
I expect to see her on
March 9th in New York.

Many kisses

Kirby

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2-27-39.

Darling:

Grandma seems to be getting along all right. She gets exasperated because she isn't able to work 12 or 16 hours a day without feeling it, but is pretty content.

Have been feeling pretty good most of the time until past week and am not so hot now. I get exasperated too, but I don't expect to work all day, and don't, but just anything more than usual tires me too much.

Received your letter Chester, S.C. with some small checks. These will just cover the March 5th checks, but there just isn't anything more on hand now. These are ~~all~~ ^{the} only checks I have received from you. All bills paid except gas bill. Haven't had anything from Mary except those you forwarded.

It was real cold last night and is quite cold today, if not in the sun. Heaps and heaps love,

always young
Alma.

Feb. 28, 1939

Dear Slugs -

All tired and weary now. Just
got back from seeing Dad -
h.y. He's tip-top - and really
not telling folks - if you
know what I mean -

Wed morning - I quit and went to
bed at that point. For the
first time this year - I've succumbed
and got a really first rate cold.

I almost stayed in bed today -
but I feel just as miserable
there, and I have classes - so -
I got my feet wet yesterday -
when my throat was halfway
sore - Bought myself a new
pair of black shoes which I was
waiting for Dad - my other

have been resoled once already and
are again down to 3 holes apiece.
But the tops aren't worth resoling
them. I never saw a place to
have shoes. I've walked so
much this year - that I have
to take 6 instead of $5\frac{1}{2}$ now. Tsk!
and after wearing $5\frac{1}{2}$ for about 10 years.

By the way - the bill came
today from Yale - so would you make
out a check for \$58⁰⁰ for Yale Univ.?
and send it to me - it's due
March 15th, also, I'm down
to about \$2 with all my loans
called in. (I mean, what ^{was} owed
to me -) Well, I've got
class in a minute - Glad to
hear everything is O.K. and
glad Grandma is all moved in
and happy - my love to all.
Write sometime me & you twins -
Love, Mary

March 1st -

Kirby Dear its cold this
morning, I am staying close to the heater -
yesterday was cloudy - but no rain -
the boys finished painting the house - sure
looks nice, dirt all carted about too
I have planted some seeds - the Ben's strawberries
came - & have been set out - makes four fifty in all
every one is as good to me - & I am getting
along fine - cannot do very much work yet
a little each day, & send scraps to pass off
times, caught one gopher in trap -
no word from Texas or La
am doing my best to get used to new conditions
& be satisfied - I pray God to keep you safe
Love Mother

THIS IS NOT A RELIABLE RECORD - SOME OF THE TYPE IS FROM THE
SPRINGFIELD SHOT TA - DATE 043

Mar 2 - 39

Sailing:

Have sent check for Mary
and also the Income tax returns
so would not be without money
when time comes. Have given P.S.
\$20. and Kay only about \$7 or \$8.00
for. will give them more later on.

Everything as usual here. We eat
and try to sleep and do all we can
but never seem to catch up. Will
have to irrigate soon if no rain.
Perry says he would rather if it would
get warm. The acacia trees in the
canyon are pure yellow. Lovely.

Some roses on climbing bush.
Other things beginning to come up,
grandma has some garden out.

Hope and hope long

Ever always yours
Olivia.

Sat. March 4 - 39.

Dealing:

Before I forget it, Bill wants you to set a date to speak at the church a Sunday night when you are home. Just how long will you actually be here?

So far I have not had checks from N.O. or King. You sent a \$20 check from Ed King, but your letter said he would send \$50. Hasn't come to date. We are running pretty close, and have not paid any bills and no money to send Mary for Tutin's due March 15. No money for Bank or Realty. Lumber bill high this month and discount if paid early, 10% I think. Will there be anything coming in aside from your earnings? Book orders average a couple a day.

Grandma has her first chicks now, 50 of them, her place getting fixed up gradually. All well here except Kay, who has stomachache now and then, sort of flu, I imagine, and maybe lots of nerves,

a letter from Mary after N.Y.
and same day yours from Pa.

Savon peach blooming now. Others
about to bud out. Hope for early spring.
Pepinos did not suffer from wind storm
we had recently. Will not ripen until
April or May.

Heaps and Heaps now long
always yours

Oliver



March 15

Dear Mom,

Thanks for the check.

Dad also sent me - for \$75 - which the bill would have been without the refund on food which I stopped eating at end of 1st term. But don't get worried. I'm not going to cash both. I have an idea what that

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would do to the Page bank
account. Shall I just
hold the check or tear
it up - the \$75. I mean -

Thanks for the suggestion
in the way I work for the
summer - but I guess I
gave you the wrong idea.
It's not a question of a
job so much as of making
money. Walt wouldn't
have much trouble getting
a job in Calif. but
none of them would more

than pay expenses + trip
out, etc. the trouble
is that he still owe
Redland \$200 - which it
would be nice if he
could at least pay half
back this summer. He
has a good chance to
get a camp job in Penn.
as ass. camp manager for
\$150 + room + board, and
maybe more. Walt had
a job as camp manager
last summer near San
Bern, but he still has

\$70 coming from them for
last summers salary.
theyre nice and prompt.
So it just remains to be
seen what will happen.
the job he was hoping to
get was with Union Oil
on the pipe lines - at
\$150 a month. work 4 days
one week - 5 the next. nice
job - but his dad whose
father is in union oil
says theyre laying off
men - & he cant even
set himself a decent job -
but maybe things will



pick up about May or June.
anyway here hoping.

I still think the most
profitable way for me to spend
the summer is learning
short hand. I could bring
in more money that way
next year here - cause
there seems to be a shortage
of such around the Divinity
school. I think I can
take the course free at

6.

Fullerton J.C. a lot of
whither people go to
Fullerton J.C. so would
you all do a bit of
investigating for me.
I also want to practice
up on my typing - which
however has improved since
last year considerably
already.

I wrote Clarice -
& I guess maybe I'll
get down there vacation
by the way - it wouldn't
hurt if you included

an extra \$5 or \$10 in the
next check - (before the
24th March-) to cover
train fare and vacation -
this I'm afraid I'm going
to have to study all
vacation. I have 3
papers or reports rather - due
the week after. Well at
least that will leave
June that much freer -
only 2 - maybe 3 papers for
then. In the meantime
where do I get on my
volunteer work that might
give me a job - nowhere.

oh well - I try -

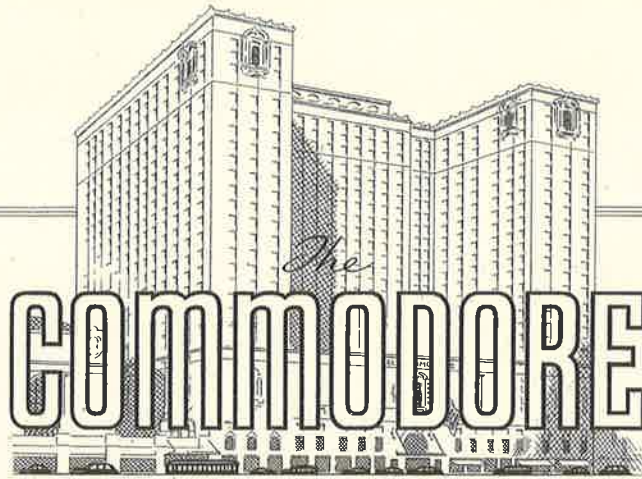
we had the worst
snowfall of the year last
Sunday - its getting
nice and slushy now, and
I have to walk downtown to
class today.

well its time to begin
studying for today.
Tell some of the slugs to
write - my love to
all and tell Grandma
see write her soon.

Love
Felly

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March 7,

Darling:

This is the last forwarding address I have. Hope you have sent me something more. By this time, 100 from Miss Perry. Broke money here and there. Everyone busy and the boys hoping that the rain will come along as predicted.

Looks like it today.

Heaps and heaps love, then some. Forwarding an mail package from H. Jay. Hope it reaches you.

Always yours -
Alma



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HOTEL BRUNSWICK

Lancaster, Pa.

March 7

Alma Darling:

all well here. am feeling
grand! Heap much busy and
excellent response.

am enclosing a check
for \$70 and \$70 in cash.

More will come soon!

will write a longer
letter later in the day.

Ever yours

Kirby

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HOTEL BRUNSWICK

Lancaster, Pa.

March 8

Sweetheart:
am here in Sherwood's office
for an hour between trains.
a big order is being sent to you
for Lancaster. Please rush all
orders airmail to F. & R. + A. P.
keeping careful record. Sales are
going well.

Here is another \$40 enclosed.
Yesterday for Lancaster I sent
to you \$70 check & \$70 cash by
registered mail. (\$140 Total) Checks are coming to
you for (1) New Orleans (2) Ed King

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(3) Orton Clark in Phil (4) Student
Movement topic for Buck Hills Falls Conf.

I will send Mary \$75
to cover her tuition.

am feeling grand.

But - am awfully
lonesome for you, dearest.

Ever your

Kirby



LANGFORD H. VANDERSLICE,
MANAGER

Hotel Niagara

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

March 9

Darling:

Your letters always bring
joy. I love you!!

Resting today.

on Sunday I am
in Sewickley Penn speaking
for Miss Campbell to the young
people of her church. On
Monday will try to see
Mr & Mrs Price in Canton!!
Tuesday the 15th at Lake
College. Will I have fun!

16 - Lincoln Neb. 40 C.D.
Hayes, Temple Bldg. Univ
of Neb.

17-18-19 State Student Conference
Wayne College, Wayne Neb.

20 - Some Nebraska colleges being
arranged by Chuck

21 Travel

22 Home.

and will I be glad!!

Your own

Kirby

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March 10

My dearest Wife:

Picked up my first cold
of the year! In Florida!! By
staying in bed yesterday - a
rest day - have thrown it
off and expect to be ok
within a day or two.

It won't be long now!
Wednesday morning - the 20th -
at Pomona 6:21 (ouch!!)

Can hardly wait.

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Be sure to have the
car gone over thoroughly
from top to bottom.
all new tires, etc.

March 11

Darling:

Our letters to Rock Hill S. C. came back. P. & M. had written there too. Mailed early the 21st and you were there the 24th. 4 full days.

We are all anxious for you to get home. Ray has been and is now working on beds around the house making things look better. Papirus getting big and nice.

Am enclosing a couple of letters which need immediate answer and I can't answer them for you.

Will hold magazines for past week until you get home. not so much now.

Heaps and heaps love
- then some more.

Waitin' for you.
Yours
Alma

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PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER
R. WILLARD,
MANAGER



Hotel COURTLAND

Canton, Ohio



March 13

Alma dearie:

Had a grand time in
Sewickley last night. Miss
Campbell has been sick and
was too weak to entertain me.
She was at the meeting and
I had a brief word with
her afterward. She had already
promised \$500 at least and
will try to do more. She
was enthusiastic about my
talk.

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Have a date to see Mr.
Price tomorrow afternoon at
three. Seemed cold over phone
and reluctant to see me. May
not get anything. We will see
what we see! Here's hoping!

Staying over to see him makes
it necessary to fly from Akron
to Chicago in order to catch
night sleeper to Kansas City
where I am due Wednesday
morning.

Here is a check for
\$75. Please enter in

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Hotel COURTLAND

Canton, Ohio



check book \$75 which I sent
to Mary for tuition.

I great life!

Best I have ever lived!

Love and kisses

Kirby

HOTEL STRATTON



WAYNE, NEBRASKA

March 18

Sweetheart:

Having grand time at State
Student Conference here. Large
attendance. Fine response!

Selling many books.

Will be through with
work here in Nebraska -
including York and Grand
Island - in time to catch
Challenger on Tuesday - arriving
Pomona 7:08 Thursday morning.

Preaching here in the
morning and then on to Western

HOTEL STRATTON



WAYNE, NEBRASKA

Nebraska.

It will be marvellous
to be home again. Save
up plenty of kisses!

Had splendid time
at Park College. Excellent
visit with the folks.

Ever your

Kirby

March 23

Dear Folks;

According to the calendar, spring started two days ago, but we're just now getting wind of it here. But its a lot warmer today, and maybe it isn't a false alarm this time.

Its beginning to look like Walt wont be able to get out to Calif. this summer. He's practically certain he can get a certain camp job here in N.Y. this summer, and tho he hasn't heard for certain, or the salary for certain, he put down \$150 as a minimum for the job plus room and board) on the application. He's to have an interview with the guy sometime in a couple of weeks. In the meantime we're waiting for word from Calif. as to other possibilities. I guess the Union Oil job that would be so swell is out, but maybe his father's camp

job is still open, but that would only be \$100; plus expenses out and back, things seem to favor the eastern job. Oh well, we'll see what happens. If he stays here, I guess I come home, and come back about the first of Sept. and we get married then. That \$200 debt at Redlands has to be paid off before the interest mounts up any higher tho.

Did I mention anything about the job we're being considered for next year? It would pay a \$100 scholarship, plus free rooms and expenses like lights and gas and telephone, (not food). Its as directors of the Amity Community House, out near West Rock. Of course the job is no bed of roses, but that doesn't matter. But Walt could fit it in very well with the Y supervisors job which its almost certain he can get, at \$450, and then if I learned shorthand and could do some work in that, we could even almost afford

a car which we would really need in that case. But we haven't got it yet. Robin Strong and his bride-to-be is the only other being considered very seriously tho. So we Have a very good chance. The district is wholly Italian, and we would be working with boys and girls over 12 years old. There are about 200 or so kids I gather. The mornings would be free, but from 3pm. on about every day would be filled, Well, I would kinda like to get it aside from getting our room free, it would be swell experience. I'm tired of sitting around trying to look intelligent, I'd like to do something. I could still attend most all the classes I wanted to, too. We'll see how it pans out soon, and I'll let you know. In the meantime I'm having the swellest time. We gave Ben a birthday party yeaterday. Cake, candles(24), ice cream and all. More fun.

Don't forget the check, I'm broke.

Shoe Hall - Mary

March 27

Dear Folks,

Thanks for the letter and the check. But I might add that I think you've made a bit of a mistake, or I have. What I mean is that the check I used for the bill, was the \$58 one you sent, that being the amount of the bill. I destroyed the \$75 one. So I hardly see how \$20 will last me for the month, specially if I am to go down to Sunnyside during the vacation. But I was glad to get some money. I wish I could earn some money during the vacation, but I don't see just where that would be.

You might be interested in the project that we're trying to put through here. We're trying to get a German Refugee here as a student next year. Preferably a Christian, and one that has had some or wants Seminary training, but one that definitely has to get out of Germany. Plans are going along pretty well, tho we haven't gotten the particular refugee as yet. The Dean has promised a scholarship, and the field work department is going to try and help find him a job. Besides that, we launched a drive to raise money among the students, and though it isn't all in yet, we got \$500.00 or so pledged. All of which is pretty swell. I've been on the committee that's been working on it, and I think it will all go through all right. Willis has been heading it up. We've tried to get each student to give \$3 and the faculty \$5. I averaged that with my group, but I guess the whole doesn't average that. I think it's pretty swell myself. Incidentally, this term we have a prof living in Bushnell house that's a German Jew Refugee. Dr. Kristeller, he's been in Italy a couple of years, but got kicked out of there too. He teaches Philosophy or something such down at the Grad School. He's a swell guy. He doesn't know whether his family is still alive or not.

We don't know any further about our prospects for next year, but we aren't worrying too much. I think something will come through all right. The more we look at this Amity House thing, the more work it seems to be, but we'd still like to get it, and we have a darn good chance to, I think. As for other jobs, Walt's still on the list for the job at Lackland's church, and for a supervisor's job at the YM. So we sit tight and hope.

How's about a letter?

Love,
Sal

Monday, March 27th

Mary Dear:

Your letter of the 23rd has just come and has been read with keen interest by all of us. Frankly, we are disappointed, because ~~but~~ we have our hearts set on a wedding here this summer! In fact, the consequences may be fatal if we don't get our wedding! A wedding in New Haven in September simply will not satisfy the requirements!

Unless Walt lands a job in the east which will pay BIG money, our suggestion is that both of you come on here as soon as seminary is out. We will cover bus fares for the round-trip for both of you. If Walt finds remunerative work here you will be at least as well off as if he had stayed in the east. If not, he can help out here on the hill and do some library work for me in connection with the new book Trail Blazers. In this case we will agree to pay off the \$200 debt at the rate of \$20 per month; dig up \$50 spending money for the summer; and MIGHT provide a wedding present.

We strong^{ly} prefer a JUNE wedding!

That position at the Amity Community House sounds exciting and I hope that you land it.

Did you have a good talk with the Dean? If so, what did he say?

It's grand to be home again. Grandma is fixed up scrumdumptiously in her little home. Heap big garden coming on and lots of chickens. Strawberries! 900 plants there and here. Not that you are interested! Fine rain last two days. Will be here until Saturday the 8th; then off for six weeks.

All join in sending love,

April 4, 1939

Dear Dad,

Well part of vacation is already over, and the rest is going fast. And, as might be expected, I haven't accomplished very much so far. But I'm gaining. I had to take the first few days out to sleep.

Dad, thanks so much for your swell suggestion for this summer. We can't say yet whether or not we'll take you up on it. If it can possibly be avoided, of course we'd rather not put such a burden on you, but it's an idea that we won't forget. In most all ways it would be the nicest way to spend the summer, but I don't know whether or not Walt could bring himself to do it or not. I mean he feels that you already have enough to take care of, so don't misunderstand us. But we're still hoping he may be able to get something out there. Tho just what I don't know. In any event we haven't given up yet. It was so darn swell of you to suggest that, and we may take you up on it yet.

Ben, Walt and I had dinner Sunday at the Lacklands. It was lots of fun, and very good. As usual I ate too much, but I didn't eat half as much as Ben and Walt did. Chicken, and apple pie were the high points. Then we sat around all afternoon and talked, nice and lazy, but a trifle monotonous, but all in all a very good time.

We saw an opera last week, Madame Butterfly, given by the same company that does them in L.A., San Carlos Opera Co. The Japanese girl that sang was really good, and the best in the country I guess for that part. She certainly was cute. We're going to see some Gilbert and Sullivan next week. The Mikado, and H.M.S. Pinafore, that is if we can get 55¢ tickets. Haven't seen many movies, but still more that Perry I guess. Seeing the Passion Play tonight put on by one of the churches here. Saw the King of Kings at one of the churches last week too. They took out some of the original in some parts, but it was the same that we saw so long ago. It's a silent film. I remembered more of it than I thought I would.

We're all eating up in Walt and Bens room during vacation, that is most of the lunches and suppers. That saves money for all of us. We moved most of our dishes and cooking stuff over. And if I do say so, we're doing pretty good eating. At least they seem to like it. Mary comes up for most of them, Mariam went to Florida for vacation. Kaler comes in too some, and just whoever happens to be around and hungry. We have to eat early supper tho, have to be out by 6pm. We aren't supposed by the rules to cook in the rooms, but its winked at. Dr. Sheed saw us carrying the stuff in, and said, "of course we don't cook

in our rooms" and just laughed and laughed. We thought it was good too. But when some one asked the Dean one year if they could he said, I wish you hadn't asked me that. In other words go ahead and don't ask questions. So we do. Tak. If the Yale Corporation doesn't like it it's just too bad. We haven't blown up anything yet.

How is everything on the place? And are you all set to travel and talk again? Everybody around here wonders how you do it. Keeping it up year in and year out.

Well, I guess I'd better get to studying before the morning is all gone. Behave yourself, and take care of yourself.

*Love to all
Many
P.S. That \$20 check
Mother sent - won't last all April*

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
CARL G. BADER, PASTOR
WAYNE, NEBRASKA

PASTOR'S STUDY
514 MAIN STREET

April 10, 1939.

Dr. Kirby Page,

La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby Page:

Will you forgive the tardiness of this reply, due to the very crowded pre-Easter schedule, in which I had nightly services and many interviews with prospective Church members?

How can I ever thank you for your generous gift of your splendid new book, "Religious Resources"! It will indeed prove highly useful and inspirational,--already has been, indeed. Thus am I placed still further in your debt. It is a large accumulation-- ever since I got your earlier volume, "Jesus or Christianity?" I have followed your career and messages with deepening interest, hearing you then in Chicago a few years later-- in 1934 - and here last year and this you have added to my sense of debt to you, culminating in that fine sermon given in our Church.

Of course it is I who should be making a gift of appreciation to you, but at present I fail to find it in my power. I wish I could reply in kind, but alas, I have written nothing save a few fugitive verses for Church papers. I'm having the temerity to send you typed copies of some of them,-- perhaps the reading of them will move you to say "Thank God" in amendment of the above "alas". Yet sometimes a very humble bit of verse may serve to suggest an idea or underscore an argument, and if any of these prove to have some little value to you I shall be happy.

I want to thank you again for deepening in Wayne minds the impression of the great truth you proclaim, which is so critically needed in present circumstances. I hope to hear and see you again some of these days.

May God bless you and yours, Kirby Page, and mightily use you!

Gratefully yours,



4-14-39.

Darling:

Everything O.K. Ann. sold
7 poplar plants this week and
more if there is market for them
they set price of 25¢ each. Ann
getting more ready.

Have had some cold days
yesterday hard wind. but today fair
and more fair promised.

The boys worked for grandpa
yesterday.

The LaH. Hts. ^{Improvement} Assn. (people living in Hts.)
wants you to
speak in June. will write you.

Hope everything is going along
all right with you. Be careful of
yourself please.

Hope and hope love

always yours

Alma.

HOTEL STRATTON



Tues. 18 April.

WAYNE, NEBRASKA

Darling:

Am forwarding a big bunch of stuff
to Urbana by straight mail. too heavy
for air mail and not so urgent or important.
Hope you don't run into any of these
storms now prevalent, or have you.
Think most of them are north and east of you.
We have been having some pretty stiff
winds lately. Grandmas hens have been
laying splendidly. little chicks doing
grand. Garden coming along fine but
she thinks they are slow.

Boys watering yesterday and today. 2 more days.
Peaches set on fire. The iris are beginning
to blossom out and have very long stems.
The mockingbird serenading to pay for his share
of the berries he spoils.

Heaps and Heaps Love.

Always your own.

Alma.

BRADBURY B. MORSE, GENERAL MANAGER



HOME OF THE
SILVER GLADE

Cosmopolitan HOTEL

Host of the West
DENVER, COLORADO

April 18
Colorado Springs

Darling:

Glad to get your letter.

Hurrah for the Pepinos!

Had six good meetings in
Denver and a wonderful day
at the State University. Two-
day program here.

Managed to get a
lot of work done on the article
on Saturday and Sunday.

Feeling grand indeed!

No voice trouble even in this high

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HOME OF THE
SILVER GLADE

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL

Host of the West
DENVER, COLORADO

altitude. am taking special
precautions about my health.
do hope that you also will
avoid strain. don't attempt
too much.

Snow two days but
clear and sunny now.

Heaps of love and kisses

Yours

Kirby

Glad to hear good
news of Harvey \$200.
also \$50 from Paris.

Please forward these letters
to me. also Royalty statement for F. R.
Please send magazines CLUB HEADQUARTERS
Rotary-Optimist-Breakfast Club-Movie Screen Club
Every Week.



April 20, 1939

Dear Dad,

After due consideration on our part, I think both of us will be home this summer. That is, if you still want us. We find that our main concern is not how much money we can make this summer, but of what use we can be, without becoming a burden. In stating this very badly, but we feel we're needed now, so why stall around. That also means that we don't assume we have to be back here next year, tho we may be. Our first idea then was of the Am. Friends Service Comm. work, either work camps, or peace groups. That takes money. So we wondered if Walt couldn't do exactly the same work without having to be connected with them. I mean, he's pretty well known all over Fullerton, Redlands and Santa Ana and that district, particularly in the churches, and Y's. Also he's quite keen on helping you with the brook. Also he thinks it advisable from the standpoint of how he might be able to help his Dad out, not only physically at camp, but also emotionally and such. (Mrs. Rott died a year ago Good Friday.) A further consideration is the fact that since grade school & before he's never had a summer when he didn't

have a job, and he feels it would do him
good to get a little time out to do some
real thinking - how, particularly. Also
he might brush up on his typing, and
maybe take shorthand. (?) Also a last
consideration is that we want to get
married. (Imagine that!) So do you
think it would work out all right. As
far as living quarters go - I'm pretty sure we
could live in Fullerton at their house.
And I think Wall will probably be able to get
to drive a new car out for a dealer to Calif.
About the Redland's debt. We don't want to
put an unnecessary load on you, but of
course it would be better to owe it without
interest. But that can be talked over later.

A.T. must have talked here last night. It's
one of the best presentations I've heard yet.
In many ways it was the straw that
broke the camels back as far as we were
concerned. I mean about making us do
some thinking about where we stand and
why. I'm sure we're needed, and I
don't think we need to sit around and
wait to be shown where. There are enough
places if we can only see them. There
will certainly be lots to talk about this
summer. It's what we need. We despair
of what the attitude around here is when
we realize that these boys will be in
the church, and so much depends on the
church these next years. Sometimes
wonder what good it's doing to spend time
here. Well - can't decide everything
at once - looking forward to seeing you!
Love you - Mary



Hotel Franklin

John W. Brown, Mgr.

CARBONDALE, ILL.

70 ROOMS - EUROPEAN
RATES \$1.00 TO \$2.00

April 21

Sweetheart:

So glad to get your letter
here. Good news from Margaret
Campbell. It is nice to have
the details about developments
around the place.

1500 out at Convocation and
GRAND response! This is one
of best trips yet!!

Please send in large
envelope: PROMPTLY PLEASE

15 - Single sheet publicity with photo
(unfolded)

10 - 4-page publicity folder

15 - postcard photo

5 - newspaper mats

add to my schedule

May 5 - Indianapolis, Ind.

Butler Univ c/o Dean Kershner

April 30 (Sunday Night)

Howagiac, Mich

(better not send
mail here)

Terribly lonesome for you

tonight.

devotedly

Kirby



Walter H. Hodges
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The New Burdick

FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 24 1911

Alma Dearie:

Tired and lonesome for
you!

Busy, busy day. Marvellous
opportunity with these students
from all over the state. Spoke
with great power twice.

Not boasting, merely stating
a fact. More and more
confident about my message
and speaking with greater



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Kalamazoo, Mich.,

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vigor than ever. How
desperately these student
need help.

Its a grand life,
sweetheart!!

Please avoid severe
strain and keep yourself
as composed as possible.

Let things go rather than



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The New Burdick

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Kalamazoo, Mich.

19

overdo. I can hardly
wait another month to
see you. But this is
really one of the very most
rewarding trips I have
ever made.

Good night, my love

Kirby

\$50 Enclosed in Bills



Walter J. Hodges
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The New Burdick

FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 29 19

Darling:

all goes well. Feeling grand.

Many meetings. Excellent
response.

Package of periodicals received
here. Thanks! once a week
please!

The ten dollars is yours!
Now, what's it for? Curiosity.

Sorry office details are necessary.
Soon I will be able to take
over.



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FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION

Kalamazoo, Mich.,

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This is one of the best letters
yet from Mary. Really thrilling!
We have everybody welcome here
warmly. What a glorious
summer we will have.

Sorry, so sorry to hear
that you have been under
again. Perhaps warm weather
will lift you again.

Much love and many
kisses

Kirby

Thurs. April 27th

Dear Pappy;

How are you along about now? Wish you were in Sunny California again? I can hardly wait until this summer. (For which I may be pardoned I think) I suppose theres lots to write, but my mind goes blank when I confront a typewriter, term paper influence, I guess. But anyway, we're still as crazy as ever.

No jobs as yet, but we're still hoping. We've gone around to apply ~~as~~ to several places, but haven't heard yet. We've given up the Amity House project. In the first place it wasn't offered to us, but everybody, including the Dean advised against it, not enough privacy or any minute to call your own, which he thought bad for the first year of married life especially. The Dean incidentally, was very nice about it all, and Walt is practically certain of his scholarship for next year, and I can audit classes. We've put in application with the bureau of appointments for an apartment, rent free with work of some kind. She didn't have any thing just then, but calls do come in for that type of situation. In the meantime we're trying for an apartment that one of the couples here has this year, and they're leaving. Its a swell apartment, and close, and only \$25. So we're hoping hard on that. Then the same girl, or wife, has a job here in the Divinity library, that I'm going to see Morris about and see if I can get. Can't be shot for trying anyway.

Jeff Campbell spoke last Sunday night, and it was really swell. We talked to him afterwards, or Walt did till midnight. He packs a terrific wallop, and I like his spirit. I only wish he could reach more people up here.

Do you still want us for the summer? The more I think about it the more I like the idea of us being out there and everything. And I think Walt could really be a big help on the book, as well as my two cents worth of routine work. Besides, what is more important from most standpoints, is that we want to get married, and we of course want you to do that. (Not just to save the ministers fee either) Cept who is going to give me away? And I guess the rest of the family can go on a spree having fun managing the whole affair. Tsk. I still can't believe it.

You should have heard Convocation. Morrison really created quite a sensation. He really stirred them up around here. Usually the Beecher lectures are good boring homelitics, and the Shaffer ones stir up to fuss, but it wasn't that way this year. Manson is a real scholar, but didn't muss up the department so much as most years, and this year the Philos, and theology depts are picking up the pieces. Well its a great life. I wish I understood a bit more of what they were talking about, but I did get a lot out of it all. Well behave yourself.

Eds N. Lee

Friday 4/28/39.

Dear "Pop":

It was good to hear of the fine response to your work in the mid-west. We're surely pulling for you here - I'm thinking that if we could get the real Christian Pacifists to work harder in the churches that the cause might have a stronger front.

If not too busy this summer - I hope we can get some young folks around home to meet with you for a sort of training session - then work at least in parts of Orange & L.A. County.

A.J. Muste was very fine at the Peace meeting last week. What a keen mind - and he helped me on several issues. He enjoyed meeting "Kirby's daughter" a great deal. "Jeff" was tops! He certainly has a message that gets under one's skin. - I'm afraid I'm

going to be on the "radical social bandwagon" yet! He suggests demonstrations at relief headquarters for more appropriation, not less! - as an emergency measure to try and avoid too much of the unemployment load being diverted into the "war machine production" already in Boston block yards - & New London industries. Relief rolls are being transferred to war production.

I'm just hoping we aren't going to be too much of a burden this summer - I'm quite sure of at least part-time work sometime, but I think the chance for a bit of reflection & fellowship with "new families" will have very beneficial results.

We remember you in prayer constantly - that He may use us all in more effective service!

Affectionately,
Loast.

All you experienced with C. Bernard Shaw's "What I Really Wrote About to You" - I thought it on sale - in case you can use it.

Apr. 28, 1939 - Friday -

Dear Ivan,

Thanks loads for sending them, even if they were a bit late. Only how come they're like the first rather than the second one I got, on the 'uplift' part? Didn't the other sell as well. I liked it better, but this is swell, not much difference really.

You might as well stop looking for the Siegf book - cause I bought it back here with me. Needless to say I haven't done anything about it - but you know how that is. Would, or did

you find out about summer courses at Fullerton J.C. ??? - in Shorthall, and for speed in typing -

I'll write Susie, but we're not too sure just when we'll be able

to get out there - and we thought
maybe we'd wait about 2 weeks
or so - a little less - after we get
out there - so that would probably
put it about the last week in
June or the first in July, Walt's
Dad is working on getting a new
car for him to drive out from
Detroit for somebody - but so
far no soap - but I imagine he
ought to be able to get one.

My own license runs out May 9th
isn't that just ducky -

I don't think Walt will need
to take shorthand - there's enough
he can do to help with out that
and I can learn that for the family,

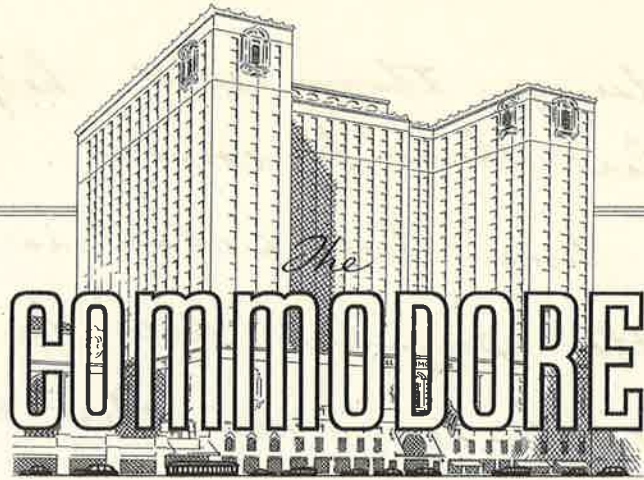
S.O.S.
By the way - the first of the month is rolling
around again - you know what
that means - only too well, I guess -
Walt sends his love - Love - Dad -

Sunday - April 30

My Dear - there is not much news
but I am so lovely, & cool - that I want to
talk to you - your loving face is always near
There are a lot of things growing in the garden
but it's a constant fight with grass, bugs, &
the watering - Perry helps every few days
Ray half a day last week - chickens are
growing fine now - none heavy enough to sell -
one hen died balance laying fine - sold 20
day eggs this month - I am quilting at present
hope to finish it in a few days -
afternoon sun is hot - but still cold at night
Alma & Lois have been down a few times, Marie too
I got Perry to get me a dollars worth of fertilizer
to put around the strawberries - the beans are ripening now
Blake makes about the same, I got lots for my self -
but never enough at a time for the folks. I always
pray - God guide, & keep you safe. Love from Mother

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Monday, May 1

Dear Kirby -

I might as well not pretend to deceive you - I've finally settled down long enough to write a letter chiefly because it has a purpose. Do you think you might be able to give the last address of the season for the Internet Relations Club at Whittier? It isn't a large club at all and it might not be worth your time. It's just up to you. Either Thursday the 10th or ~~the 10th~~ Thursday the 11th of June. Let me know what you think.

We got your letter today - thanks for all the nice things you said about my dearly beloved husband. He is a nice guy when you get to know him. . . . And I'm glad to hear you say we're needed. I've wondered where and how. Mary and Walt's being

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here and doing things will help. I'm so anxious for them to come - I suppose it will be no time till school is out, though --- And then the summer will be over. Dad wrote that Gareth, my oldest brother, is coming to K. C. this summer! It makes me sick that we can't go but I'm glad I went when I did anyhow.

Kay's gone to bed --- 8:15. He's been planting trees and watering all day till about 3:30, then went in and had a work out at the gym. He's been doing that 3 times a week. I've been practicing billiards with him a little. I'm learning how to hit the ball but I don't seem to have learned how to make it go where I want it yet. Of course that's incidental. Oh I'm learning bridge too, and we went to bridge club Saturday night and really had a lot of fun. The 6 couples are coming here for a winter roast in a couple weeks. The couple that live down under the hill are perfectly

May 3, 1939

Dear Dad,

Thank so much
for all you're doing
for us. But I know
you'd much rather
do it than not.

I'm so glad I have that
kind of a father, and
mother. I'm so very
lucky all around.

I only hope I deserve
it all, and will

2.

Continue to do so.

Exams are over Jan. 10th
So will be heading out
about that time. It's
all so exciting - I've
never had such a crazy
happy time in my life.
The only trouble is that
we'd much rather be
together than study, but
we do remember to do
enough of that. Some-
times it seems that
about all we do.
I've come to the conclusion

5.
that I don't make a
very good scholar. I
like everything about
it except writing
papers and giving
reports. I love the reading.
you know I've really
learned a lot - and
progressed a lot this
year.

I'm glad to hear that
you're having such a
good trip. I only
wish you were
quintuplets - we need
you badly enough for

more than that? By
the way - you should
have heard we speed
off all your stuff about
war this aft. downtown.

I reported on War - in
relation to the causes. Prop-
aganda. Post planning
during - and the Industrial
Mobilization Bill - by the
way how is that coming
in Congress?

I really think Walt
will be able to help
you a lot on your book
this summer. me too,
in a minor sort of way -
we'll keep talking - we're
all for you - love ever
many

May 3, 1939

Dear Iris and Kay -

I don't know that you're interested, but anyway, I thought I'd write to you.

Incidentally, I'd be interested to hear any remarks you might have to make about the big things this summer.

Tsk, tsk! Quite a colony will have out there this summer, what with Susie, John, Johnnie and Mary Jo.

2.

(damn this pen - that's what I get
for being such a show-off. But
I like the idea, if it would
only work. I have to dip
the pen in about every two
or three words - quite a strain.)
Speaking of strains, I went
apartment hunting today.
hey - what you can't get for the
money. Will probably have
to spend from \$25 to \$35 a month
for that next year. But
most of the best ones are
already taken. That is, unless
you want to walk 2 miles.

to school through a distinctly
not very nice part of town.
But its all a bit discouraging.
I walked holes in my stockings
today. We've got our eyes
on one swell one, but there
are about 2 couples ahead
of us on the list, our only
hope is that the Lady might
want our staying 2 years.

The Divinity School had
their annual dance the
other night. It was loads
of fun. Guess who I
went with — you need three

guesses! I'm surprised!

Lies - how are your folks,
your grandfather in particular?
all right, I trust. How does
you like being away from
your dearly beloved? And
how is the dog? Is he
behaving, or is he more of a
problem child than ever?
I guess you can keep him
tamed down tho -

Will remember me sometime
and remember - there's still a
mail service between here and
California - Love ever - Sally

Dear "Pappy": (many say that's standard within ^{the family!}) 5/4/39.

Your letters are certainly an inspiration and of much help. Uncertainty and insecurity are pretty much the picture for us right now, but we're really not worrying very much - somehow we have faith that is the best thing and things will work out alright.

I think that at least I'll be able to get west OK. by driving out a new car from Detroit.

Awfully glad of the continued response. Let's try to do our bit around here - There is some need still, it seems. "America must be able to protect her borders. without other aid"! Carry on - love.

Hotel Morrison

CHICAGO

LEONARD HICKS
Managing Director

May 6

Alma Darling:

Have had bad time with my cold.
Stayed in bed all of one day. Much
improved now and am resting today
also.

Wonderful hearing at All Pau in
Bournemouth. Enthusiastic reception also
at Hannover. It was nice to see
Alan Kershner. He was cordial
and shook hands with my addresser -
but says he can^{no} longer be a pacifist!

Here are four checks for \$52
total plus \$35 in bills.

If a substantial amount
comes in response to Christian



Century advertisement, please send
Farra & Reinhart \$200 as soon as
possible. Keep me informed as
to amounts received day by day.
Keep plenty of the various books
on hand. Creative Pioneers must
be ordered for Asa Press at
347 Madison.

Keeps of love and oodles of
kisses

Kirby

May 8, 1939

Darling:

This past week I have felt about as if I had reached the end of my rope and couldn't pull myself back up. However, am taking life easy and am going to the dentist this morning to try to get some more carved off my lower plate and ease a couple of nerves there.

Stop your prancing. We have, and have had a long time, the proper paper and corrugated board and labels and stickum tape and string and about everything necessary for sending out books but the avalanche, and we are waiting in dread for it to begin. I have ordered 300 of each book and you might order about 200 more when this reaches you, by regular mail, as I don't want too many here at once.

The boys are irrigating this week. They have the water ordered straight on through the summer for every three weeks and will not have to call up each time. That saves time and worry and no schedule is wrecked. They have the lawn looking grand. Grandma's garden looks swell, but you know how ~~she~~ is. She never thinks it looks like anything. She is afraid she will not make anything off the chickens either, but they are growing fine and Perry thinks some of them may be 4 pounds by time to sell and they are now 21 cents.

Heaps and heaps love,

Always yours,

Alva



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MADISON
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May 11

Dearest:

am distressed beyond words to know that you have been feeling so low. Would it be advisable to see the doctor in Pasadena? Perhaps she could help you. Do try to make an early appointment with her. In the meantime avoid strain as much as you can.

Never have I been more eager to see you. Fortunately I



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WISCONSIN

will be with you 14 out of 17
weeks beginning May 27. That
a grand time we will have
together.

Am doubtful about ordering
more books until you see how
many orders come. So if
more books are needed order
by wire or airmail.

Would give much to
hold you in my arms now
and show how much I
love you.

Ever your
Kirby

May 12 again -
P.M.

Dailing =

Some orders beginning to
come in.

Shall we sell L. Triumphantly
and L. Creatively at 50¢. or not?
Some want them.

Have just gotten off some
orders. now ready for the
Post office. Boys fixing
grandma's wall today.

Hope and hope

Love. Yours

Alma.

May 15, PM.

Sailing:

Still cloudy weather here but the sun is struggling to come out. Had a rain Friday night light, but enough for truck stuff. Book orders coming in now. 20 sent out today. Hope they really begin to come in from now on or we shall have too many books on hand. Those I ordered are here now and we still have a few on hand from old stock.

My children on the floor gave me a new white pocketbook and a mirror for my room.

Herpet Love,

Yours always

Alma.

May 17, 1939

Dear Pappy,

Thanks for the letter. It won't be long now, will it? I'm not sure yet about when we'll get home, but exam week ends the 9th, So we'll see. By the way when do you get home? And aren't you going to be gone part of June? Let me know. I wrote Susie and told them about when it would be, and to plan their vacation accordingly. Haven't heard from her yet tho. Thanks for the extra for the Fair. I hope we can get down there, but I don't know just when that will be. Keeping my fingers crossed. I haven't heard from Betty since Xmas, wonder whats wrong?? But I guess shes pretty busy trying to get Ginny married.

I'm working hard on my paper. Never worked so hard before in my life. I certainly do hate to write papers, be glad when that part is over. I like all the rest of it swell, but the actual writing--well its like pulling teeth. Guess I'm not much of a scholar. But I'm learning a lot anyway.

About jobs. Walt has the Y job, but they aren't sure just how much they'll be able to pay yet. Probably about \$375, and not over \$400. I saw a lady today about a job, but won't know for a while about it. It's at the Prospect Hill school. One of the best girls' day schools here. Bainton's daughter goes, etc. The job is a combination one, tho they haven't decided for sure yet. It would be teaching Bible and doing the athletics. The basis I'm approaching her on is that Walt would do the Bible for which he is very well qualified, and I would do the other. But I'm not hoping too hard on that. I also have spoken to Morris about work here in

the Library. I think one of the wives who is working there now is not going to be back next year, but he wouldn't commit himself. Said he wasn't sure whether she would or not, she'll be on till fall at any rate. But he said he'd keep me in mind if there was an opening. I wish I could get a more definite answer as to whether or not I'd have a chance if she did leave. About the only requirement is typing, not so fast as accurate. And I can be that if I don't try to hurry too much. Walt has his scholarship - \$200 I think - pretty sure, and Vieth thinks he could get him a Sunday job too, so if I get that school job, or some typing work of something, why I guess we'll be O.K. We're still trying to get an apartment tho. Haven't much time to go around looking, thats one main trouble. Any decent ones that aren't taken are so darn far away. We're not worrying too much tho.

By the way, the book store paid me for those books of yours, and I've spent that too. I've put a big part of it back into books. I hope thats all right with you.

Got a good letter from Iris the other day. I don't get much mail, but I guess its because I don't write much, but I don't have much time. The weeks all over before I know it. I owe all of them letters now, and they don't count ones I write to them all together. No sir, got to be individual ones. I like to write if I have time.

T.Z. Koo spoke this aft. Very good talk. Need more of that around here as everywhere. Well, I've got to get back to that paper. Its sure interesting, even if I don't like the writing.

See you soon, love,

Mary
(by Walt - she forgot to sign!)

May 17, 1938.

Dear 'Pappy':

Your fine letters give us such a lift. That contagious spirit of yours will win every time! See by the Friends Service Summer Institute that you'll be carrying on at one of the Training sessions. (By golly - that old picture doesn't do you justice, tho'!)

Enjoying immensely my preparation for two papers: one - the Junior College Student Christian Movement development in California - for Dr. Sheeld - the other - The Relation of the Student Ymca to the Gen'l Movement for McCurdy's Ymca Seminar.

"T.Z." always "picks" a double-barrel" for me. Spoke of the need for finding practical reality of God in history and experience today - Discipline of "Doing His Will" through checking our insights of God through Christ & challenging each situation faced against this. Also - deepening insight by interpreting experience in this light. Finally - the need for approach to evil and world situation today - through combined attitudes of justice and love must go together or get one-sided view of the former and sentimentality in the ~~latter~~ latter. - he felt best term to attempt to express it - reconciliation (too!) grand personal testimony of it himself. I feel.

Am speaking Sunday in Danbury to Young People's group on a Christian dealing with war and dictators. No time like the present to get some experience - glorious fellowship together. Faithfully, Walt

garden the scribbling - it's become a habit
in my paper -

May 19, 1939

Dear Mum,

I have just completed page 40 of my worst paper - with some still to go. It isn't typed yet, but it will be about the same no. of pages when it is, cause I write on both sides of a paper and it about types up into a page - counting all the extra insertions I make. Anyway you can inform Perry & Marie that that's why I still owe them a letter. Tell them not to give up. The end is in sight. But all the time I take off from 8:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. is time for classes and eating. I'm so tired of ~~the~~ sitting on this hard old chair.

I hope if Dad will be home in a few days, so I'll let him give you the details on jobs and such - which isn't too hopeful. I wish I did have time to go look for an apartment

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tho. It's getting pretty late.
In less than a month I ought to
be home. Anyway - we're leaving
here June 8th - at noon - Walt,
Ben and myself are driving
with Floyd Holloway and his girl
who are going to Toledo, Ohio. We
go to the Fair Thurs. aft & evening,
and leave late for Ohio, getting
there by Sat. nite. Then it's only
50 miles to Detroit - and both
Walt & Ben have a good chance
to drive a new car out - and
one of these ought to materialize -
so we can all come out together.
Now don't go worrying about me -
or let Dad worry. He's old
enough to take care of myself -
and it will be even so much
cheaper. All it will cost will
be food and an occasional room.
Also, tho I think we pay for
the gas ourselves. They usually

give the guy who drives a car out
 about \$50 - so that ought to almost
 cover the gas for all of us. I
 do hope you can get Dad to
 be sensible about it - because
 heaven only knows I'd be as safe
 as on a bus - and even so much
 more comfortable. Beside we have
 to agree not to go over a certain
~~too~~ speed anyway - and it's a
 new car and will have to start
 out slow besides. As for us -
 I hope you can trust us - if
 it's the world's opinion that
 bothers you - to heck with it.
 That isn't a valid reason. - So
 I'll figure out how much money
 I'll need in a few days after
 a consultation period. Walt's still
 broke - but the Y still owes him
 \$70 on last summer. In any event -
 this way both could get there
 in less than I could by bus.

we can only take 1 bag of rice -
for - how would be the best
way to find another? - by
freight? - how long would
that take - ?

K.

Also - in a trifle short of ready cash myself right now. its past the middle of the month and all that - incidentally - \$40 ought to carry me till the 8th when I leave - Also, if Dad still means that extra \$10 he mentioned for us to see the Fair - it would come in handy - I'll let you know about trip expenses. I wish we had the money to get the ring here from Mr. Buchanan. Because then it would be a bit cheaper, that is if he does carry ~~through~~ anything modest enough for us. well - well see - maybe I'll be able to get Sunnyside in Thurs. morning be going down early in the train while Lloyd takes his exam. I'll try.

Dad only knows when I'm going to get to pack - everything I leave here has to be packed too - I won't be bringing much home. - Love to all - Mary -

May 20.

Darling:

Just waiting for you
to get home before the
family is enlarged too much.
Perry & main taking day
off.

Book orders only about
three a day. Not so hot,
Leon Thomson. However sold
100 War and ordered 40 more.

Everybody on tip-toe for
summer to begin. Heaps
and Heaps love,

Always yours

Alfred.



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Chicago, May 20
1934

Darling:

as a precautionary measure
spent Thursday, Friday and today
in a hospital here. Another
injection - right leg below
~~near~~ knee. Cause unknown.

For forty hours hot packs
below knee and ice bag
above knee. Doctor said
no serious danger, but
my vitality is low. Am
leaving tonight for Cedar Falls,



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Lexington, Neb. and San Francisco.

Am I eager to get home!

Must not attempt such
a strenuous trip again. Will
reserve two days per week
for rest and travel and not
so many meetings per
day. Am determined to
recover my vitality this
summer!



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MINNESOTA

Tell Iris that I am
ashamed for the long delay
in replying. Really meant
to write her while in Chicago
but alas alas.

Save up trillions of
kisses.

Ever your own

Kirby

Meant to answer Perry also.

(OVER)

Got off light \$20 hospital
bill: doctor made no
charge to a clergyman!!

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

May 23

Darling:

So sorry to hear you have had more trouble with an infection. Hope you can keep going all right until you reach home, and then we can feed you up with nice fried rabbit, and I am sure that grandma has some nice chicken fryers ready for you to sink your teeth into and if we can just persuade the dear Lord to give us some real sunshine while you are here, we can get you well in short order. The weather has been frightfully cold for this time of year.

Do let us know the exact train you arrive on and I suppose you will get off at Glendale, as it is much easier than in Los Angeles, and there is no parking problem to take care of there. I guess it will be Saturday morning, and we are all anxiously waiting for you. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever yours,

Alma

May 31st

Dear Pappy,

Say, whats the big idea??? Who the heck do you think you are getting sick like that? Thats no way for a grown man to act. Thats a baby trick. Just how did it start? I wish you could get your blood all fixed up properly. Anyhow, you had better be well by the time I get there, or I'll paddle you. All kidding aside, I sure hope you get better right away. Will this make any difference in your conference dates? And just when are those? Well, it won't be long now till, I won't have to write letters, but can just talk to you, you old horn-swoogler.

Well, four down and one to go. Thats my percentage on my papers. All I have left now is Niebuhr's paper, and exam, and two other small exams, hour apiece. That won't be so bad, will it?. I got Hartshornes paper in and reported on in class last week finally. Gosh I was glad to get through with that. It was a pretty good paper I think, at least it was interesting to me. The Prof. said he thought it was a very interesting report and would enjoy reading the whole paper. Anyway I learned a lot, and thats the object. I'm going to use part of the same material for my Niebuhr paper, so that will mean that much less work. But I've still got to do some tall stepping, and heaven only knows when I'll get to do my packing. I'm not going to bring much home, most of it I'll pack here. Should Walt bring his typewriter home do you think? That is, if there is enough room for him to take it. By the way tell mother she might send that check soon for me to get home on. About time for me to get back to work now. I sure hope that you get better right away. How about that?

See you soon, love,

man
P.S.! Awfully sorry to hear about the leg. feller.
Just praying - you will soon be up to carry on
this summer. Anticipating a grand experience
together. Work closing up here satisfactorily
(we hope!)

*Ever,
Walt.*

LOVE-BUG PRESS
Enroute to Calif.
Ohio Edition..
(See Raitts for Penns. Edition)

Sunday, June 11, 1939

Dear Folks:

Hi, Ho, folks. Here we are breezing along in Ohio (and we do mean breezy), Pardon the Press errors, but these Ohio roads sure am bumpy. Finally left New Haven after much delay due to getting papers done and packing. Exams wound-up OK with real sense of achievement throughout. Arrived in NY about 11 PM Thursday night. We stayed with 'Aunt Betty' and enjoyed it very much. They and friends were very helpful regarding Fair suggestions.

The Fair is really stupendous. The total impression is quite indescribable. Certain features proved exceptionally outstanding. Gen'l M-tors high spot of transportation section, Ford and Railroads also fine. The Theme Center was of course very interesting. Bell-telephone and Medical center proved fascinating. Of the nations exhibits; France with 3d floor restaurant overlooking lagoon; Italy with water fall from the top of building; U.S. with moving murals of American life and Federal gov't; and Russia with mammoth tower of Russian emancipated worker holding red star -- these, proved of most interest. Gen'l electric, Westinghouse, Dupont were other fine features. In Gen'l electric watched man-made lighting to the tune of ^{10,} 7,000,000 volts breaking across between generators. We saw the Billy Rose Aquagade in afternoon; tremendous show of stage and water beauties! Weismuller, Eleanor Holm and about 5 of the world's best divers. Truly great show and thoroughly enjoyable..

About the Sunnyside stuff,; wrote Clara several times about convenient time; finally received card saying that no one would be home after Thursday noon, and also strongly intimated that it would not be advisable to try and do anything without their being there. Consequently, afraid no soap until fall. Sorry about this.

After staying at the Fair until the evening lights, finally arrived back at Claremont about 11, left Holland tunnel at midnight; drove for about an hour and a half, and found a nice tourist home for good night's REST. In case you weren't clear, we're driving out with Lloyd Holloway and his girl from Toledo and will arrive at their home tonight. The girls have gotten along alright so far, (NO hair pulling in their sleeping together yet!) Stayed last night in the mountains of Penn. Very lovely trip at this time of the year. Greens; trees, fields, underbrush, etc. Lovely farms and valleys, with rolling hills.

We split tonight as the folks from Toledo are entertaining us in their respective homes. Tomorrow morning takes buss to Detroit, pick up a new 4-door, Cascade blue deluxe De Soto -- riding in class! We pick up Graham Hodges tomorrow evening in Indiana and head WEST. Planning to take in Frisco Fair on the way down the coast. Plan just to take ~~up~~ one extra day in this way and take in both Fairs at once.

Should be home Monday or Tuesday, 19th or 20th. Will write as we go and let you know if different.

All in all a glorious time and grand relief after the straining closing days. Love to all, see you soon.

Love Bugs,

Mary and Walt

LOVE-BUG PRESS
ENROUTE TO CALIF.
NEBRASKA EDITION (See Raitts for Illinois Ed)

June 14, 1939

Dear 'Hillside Folks':

Breezing along the real American farm country -- outside Omaha, Nebraska. Corn fields to the left of us,... right of us....., etc. Back in Oberlin at the college discovered an outside bearing in the front right wheel ground to bits. Luckily, from help of colored janitor, were able to replace bearing with minimum difficulty except for rain. By coincidence with car break-down in Oberlin, we met the other Calif boys coming out with Graham Hodges, our passenger, who was driving an old jalopy out to Indiana. Also, through these fellows the Redlands U. contingent ran on to Prof. Poister formerly of said Univ. as the organ prof, now head of Dept in Oberlin. Arrived in Toledo at friends' homes about 11 PM Sunday night; good night's rest and lunch with Prof Poister as his guests. Bus to Detroit, arriving at DeSoto factory at 2 AM. The Fullerton agent did not send Calif license plates, so had to buy \$12 Michigan plates! (A bit hard on the pocket-book, so wired for more from Raitt end!) Had a very interesting trip through the car plant seeing the latest in mass production. Interesting to note the guides' particular interest in pointing out the desirable labor conditions and all. At least some of the companies are beginning to be a little more aware of the personality element in production.

While in Toledo, we transferred all our stuff to Graham's car so that we could pick it up in Indiana where we were to meet him with the new car. On the way he had a flat tire; while getting out to fix it he left Mary's coat by the side of the road and forgot it. When he went back about 10 minutes later, it was gone. Plenty tough luck, but one of those things. It may be that some of Walt's mother's coats will fit, we hope!

The car is a real beauty; large and spacious with very lovely upholstery. It is a deep blue-green color and really takes the eyes of people as we go by. The trunk space in the back is large enough for all our

stuff, and that's some size! It drives as if automatic and has new type of steering-wheel gear-shift. Also has an overdrive which cuts down the gas usage. We've been getting around 25 miles per gal. or better. Not so bad on the pocket-book!!! By the way, the gas tank only hold 18 gals so we aren't filling it up every hour or so.

By checking the map, at least, we've decided to drop down through Denver and Estes Park as Mary and Graham have never been there. Over the pass and into Salt Lake Friday. Plan to take a dip in Great Salt Lake just for the fun. Then across Nevada to Lake Tahoe and down to Sacramento. Frisco Fair on the schedule for Sunday afternoon and evening. Should be home Monday night before midnight.

The ride has been very pleasant and enjoyable, with fine weather and a few showers. Driving is a real comfort in this number. We've been very fortunate on places to eat and sleep. We're cutting below \$1 a-piece for each of the two items. Not a bad way to get in practice! Yesterday morning, we got so involved in a guessing game that we just drove 20 miles to far south and had to come back. What concentration!!!

Mary says that Perry will be pleased to know that we're bringing "Butch" home so he can see his 'rival' !! We've decided that "Butch" is the only thing that can come between us. He's the silent protector of 'individual rights' ! We both think that each other the cutest thing, isn't that ducky! Couple of dim-wits (and we didn't say Half, either!!)

Get those fatted peter-bunnies ready, we're coming home for a slaughter. Surely hope that 'Pappy' is much better and up and around and not running 'Mammy' too ragged!!!

The slight improvement in the typing may be due to a bit smoother riding base! (We hope it is somewhat noticeable, although there is much evidence for need of practice!!)

Bye-now and much bye to all. We are fine and happy; hope you are the same....

As B4, the "Love Bugs",

Mary and Walt.

Tuesday,
June 27,

Darling =

The Texas bunch came Sunday afternoon and brought Cousin Eva of Tulsa with them. She is about to go wild in your books and having a grand time. Mother picked a ripe orange. Mary and Walt are due some time tonight or this afternoon.

Am off now to get my shirt and do some shopping. Another letter mailed at same time re insurance papers. Am Mial.

Ned Richards called today. His wife's mother died at Claremont Saturday. He is returning to Philadelphia right away. Not with J.V.P. any more.

Heaps and traps love.
Hope you stood the trip all right.
Do write often and keep me posted.
Always your own

Alma.

June 30 - 1939

Sailing:

Alls well so far and hope
all goes well with you and
that you can keep going and get
home without impairment.

The folks are leaving tomorrow
and going toward big trees and maybe
the fair and Zion Nat Park, Dr. Canyon etc.
Boy oh boy. have we had some table full
and do we eat. 13 at table counting
the baby.

at last its warm - hot.

Heaps and heaps love

always only
your own

Alma

7-9-39

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

Things are going to be quiet here. This week. Maime & Margaret are at the beach chaperoning some Pomona high school girls for the week. Mary & Walt leave for camp tomorrow for two weeks and I may even go to see Dr. Jackson, so the place would have little upkeep troubles. However Walt and Mary return about the 20th and Maime next week.

Grandma has some fine corn and tomatoes and other things, and she is selling some of them.

Hope you are taking proper care of yourself. Lots and lots of love

Always ever
your own
Alma

Thompson Tex
July 13, 1939,

Dear Alma

I thought since I would write before now, but it has been raining so long that I had not noticed that time was flying so fast. It began raining Monday and did not let up until late last night. The sun came out this morning and every body has clothes on the line today. When we left your place we first went to the Park and spent most of the next day there sight-seeing. We had to go back to where we got in the Park to get a cabin and it only cost eight dollars. I think John was so mad that he would have liked to take

the cabin with him, but we left it whole. I would liked to have stayed there longer but they decided to go to the fair so we went, and was it cold, but we had our coats and had a very nice time. The flowers took my eye more than any thing, well we had a nice trip and we all enjoyed it very much, and did not get home any too soon but it was hot when we got here, but when it began to rain it cooled off. but is warm again today. The baby stood the trip fine. The places on her arm and leg were well when we got home. Have not seen Wilfred & family yet - got a letter from him yesterday saying

they would be down Sunday, Cousin
in ~~home~~^{here} with us yet she is busy reading
Kibby Books, I thought - the river would
overflow after this rain but so far it-
has not. I can look out the front-door
and see lots of water where the low land
is it looks like a big lake, some of
the men had to get in bathing suits to
get to the snells to gage them.

Cousin & Johnnie went to the garden the next-
day after we came home and got lots of
Tomatoe peppers Pear & Butter Beans also Asparagus
but have not been able to go again
since it started raining so we do not know
if we have anything left or not. Hope you all
are getting along all O.K. ^{all} we enjoyed the visit
with you all. Hope Kibby is getting along all right
and will not get sick again, tell him I am sorry that
we did not get to see him, I am sorry that
O.S. did not leave the two little pillows at
your house. Another.



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Mexican Beach - Aug. 28

Alma Darling:

all well here!

Much rest.

More big fish.

Many games!

Hours + hours of sleep.

Expect to arrive home
Wednesday night by 10 o'clock.

Love and kisses

Kirby

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Sat. Sept 23, 39

Dear Folks -

Well - we're here at last - and
still all in one piece. Now the
fun begins. We've been trying to
look for a place to stay today - But
we had stuff to do at school
first and didn't get started till
after lunch - and nobody seem
to stay home then - and real estate
offices aren't open then. We have
no possibility so far. - ~~There~~ There is
one place Ann Brown & her husband
are considering where all four of
us might live very cheaply -

"WITH THE SPIRIT THAT'S DIFFERENT" ... Camp Osceola

It's nothing to brag about - specially
the cooking facilities, but as
possibilities, could be fixed up
nicely. That way it could cost
us \$1.5 a month. The lowest possible
anywhere around here. We haven't
decided definitely yet. In
the meantime Polly Maan and
her sister have taken us in,
we're using the daybed in the
living room of their apartment
which incidentally is very nice.

It looks now as if the
wicker fut may be split into
2 or 3 and Walt will probably
get ~~at~~ one of those. She trying
to find part time work. = Things still
uncertain but many good possibilities -
Have much faith that all will work out
OK. Are using "Page analysis" to very
good advantage we think ^{working, talking - progress} for keeping the peace here.
Love to all. Mary & Walt

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Sept 27

Sweetheart:

Happy birthday to you! May
this be your best year yet! Take
\$10 and buy something for
yourself that you really want!

Grand meeting with preachers
this morning. Public meeting
tonight. obtained orders
this morning for 1025 copies
on consignment! Speaking
of hot cakes!

SEE AMERICA FIRST

Turned down a third meeting
today! Believe it or not!

I love you!

Kirby

Dear Alma,

We are proud to have
even this small share in
getting the pamphlet out.

I hope you are going
to get the rest you need now.

Sincerely,

Helen.

and-9-28

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

10-2

Darling:

Mother not feeling so well
just now. It is cold too.

The proofs will not be ready
until Wednesday, double cards
ready to be checked and mailed
Kay & Iris to stop and get them
tonight.

Have plenty to do with
trying to get things going right
before it gets bad weather, but
can't get much co-operation, as
Kay was sort of sick yesterday.
Hugs and hugs love.

Yours

Alma.

sent many on Thursday!

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Oct. 3.

Darling:

Right now!! where is a copy of the pamphlet to check with on proof??? But you took all of them with you.

We have checked cards and stamped cards and folded cards until we are dizzy, dizzy, dippy.

The weather is too cool to be nice much of the time, no more rain as yet. Two weeks from now is when we want it. Check from Miss Campbell. That is all.

Isolina not feeling so good must have caught cold. Perry went down to put away chickens last night and let them out and clean up and feed today.

Now do go a little easy and take care of yourself. You can help more by remaining well than by working yourself to death all at once. Tell 'em I said so!!

Heaps and heaps love

Ever yours, Alma.

Thompson Tex
Oct 8, 1939.

Dear Alma,

I recieved a letter from
Mary and she had gotten the check.
I guess it all worked out for the
best. as I expect it come in at
a good time. I do hope that they
will get along all O.K. I am
alone this evening. John and Phemie
also baby took Sandy down there to
see if he could get on at the
Humble. and they invited a couple
to go with them so I was not
feeling any too well and stayed

at home. I told you in my
last letter about John's Aunt Ruth's
death. When we got the Post this
morning Dr. Armstrong's picture was
on the front page. He died sat evening
at three thirty. He was the Dr. that
waited on her and was well and
healthy. Then the paper said he died
from a short illness. I was thinking
last night - and this morning that
I would go to see him the first
chance I got to see if he was
still in the motion to operate on
me. and he was already dead.
I went to see Buddie Thursday
Johnnie and I drove up there

he had his eye operated on the
Wednesday before, and the Dr. took
the bandage off the morning we
went up there and said he would
be all right. Well I moved in
to the back room last week and
like it much better. Johnnie got
a double bed and it is much
better sleeping with the baby. It
was in funny I cannot slip out
of bed in the morning and leave
her sleeping. She watches me in
her sleep. She took a motion she
wanted the light on and her mama
had to whip her yesterday morning about
five in the morning because she wanted
it on, so that was the last of that

I do hope you⁴ will take a good
rest and I believe you will feel better
am sorry that Mrs. Mary was not feeling
well, hope she is all right by now,
our cape jasmine is still blooming
we had a real nice rain this
evening. but it is very warm yet
I would like for it to get cooler
but I do not like it too cold,
well what do you think of the
war by this time. I think you are
waiting your time, I do not think
we will get in to it. unless Germany
wants part of the united states and if
they do they will come and get it
like they have gotten every thing they want,
hope to hear from you soon and
every body well and happy lovingly, Mother.

23 Feng Shih K'ou
Peking, China
Oct. 8, 1939

Dear Folks:

By now we are pretty much settled, and I have begun to get acquainted with the situation in the hospital. In the course of a year one forgets some of the little economies that are necessary to run an institution on just over nothing a year, and some of the compromises between science and expediency that are not easily avoidable in our present stage of development.

They of course there are adjustments necessitated by present conditions. Passenger transportation is still something short of real comfort, but is at least possible. Baggage is less certain, and freight is about as reliable as a roulette wheel. All things considered, I am amazed at how well stocked the pharmacy is, but even so, we are pretty ~~well~~ aware of the fact that every drop does its bit.

The recent rise in local prices also complicates things a little bit. Almost nothing is less than twice the price it commanded last year, cloth is about tripled, and coal oil is a little over six times its old price. A sample of the way things go is shown in the tube I bought yesterday for my bicycle tire. I had priced it a week ago at \$3.50, and decided to make my old one do for a while more. When it finally refused to give any further service, I found that my economy had cost me a full dollar. Hegg, on over prices is definitely on the decline, for too much delay is more apt to raise the price than to lower it. For us, this is merely interesting and annoying, and those who have goods to sell try to keep up with the rest, but for those who sell their time, or who have fixed incomes, the situation can easily be imagined. I marvel that as many as do manage to pay their bills at the hospital, and wait to see what tomorrow will bring.

I need to have devoted a good deal of space to money, but when it gets between our patients and the care they need it is hard to ignore.

We spent a good part of to-day at Ming Hsien with the Weyers. The whole family is here for a few months before they leave for America, and we were glad to have a visit with them. The two sets of youngsters got along famously, so much so that we had to leave Ruth behind, to be sent home tomorrow.

And so it goes. There is much that is discouraging, and much to be glad about in what we see around us, and we shall try to take proper account of both.

Sincerely yours,

9 Broadway, Apt. 25
New Haven, Conn.
October 8, 1959

Dear "Pappy":

We've been thinking of you often and have been a bit anxious to hear from you, but expect a letter soon. Mammy wrote so that we now have your itinerary -- we both laughed at the "rest"; it's about time you had one day! You must be really pouring it on 'em and we all are looking forward with real anticipation to the "Pamphlet-book" -- do we need it!!!

We've been awfully fortunate -- everything just seems to work out nearly miraculously. Grandma's check, Mary's getting part-time work for the first two weeks amounting to over \$20, our rental set-up, etc. We have so much for which to be thankful. The new field-work man, Woodward, has been very kind and considerate. Mary may get NYA work for herself, do work for me on NYA, or get general NYA; we're hoping that out of one of the possibilities something will turn up. The Wesley job of course washed-up because the Y men got huffy about Wickenden (another Supervisor of Y clubs) holding down our supervisor's jobs and the Foundation job. Pretty narrow, we're afraid, but must make the best of it.

What grand fun it has been fixing up the place. The girls have been shopping around for curtains, pictures, etc. We now have two overstuffed chairs, for which new covers have been purchased reasonably -- what class! Dr. "Pete" Morrow, Anne's husband, had to have a phone installed for calls at night at the hospital, so we'll help a little on it and have a private phone.

Dale Brown who has spent several summers with Friends' Service Committee camps and EPC along with other interested pacifists with ourselves are starting a "Fellowship Group" meeting weekly for serious discussions and corporate worship for strength and insight. Our plan is to spend about 30 min in worship, experimenting in corporate silent worship as much as possible; then have two fellows present statements from the result of serious study as a basis for our discussion around the various pertinent peace and neutrality issues. We also have a tentative 6-point action program; what do you think of it? 1) Active speakers' bureau to go out and find places to speak -- churches, Y.P. groups, Y clubs, civic groups, service clubs, labor unions, etc. 2) Individual and corporate correspondence, keeping in touch with FORN headquarters, Socialist office, Am. Friends Service Comm, etc. as well as writing Congress, Hull, Roosevelt, etc. 3) Collection of working bibliography and peace library, perhaps in the Common Room. 4) Publication of news sheet in cooperation with Dwight Hall (doing a fine job), as well as sample peace workshop services for use of church workers. 5) Writing for publications as Student Weekly, Yale News, local newspapers,

denominational publications, etc. 6) Active cooperation with such groups as New Haven Peace Council, Keep America Out of War Congress, Fellowship of Socialist Xtn on campus, Student Peace Committee, In fact, we may affiliate in some way with FOR, as student chapter. Nearly all the interested ones are closer to FOR position than anything else. Also have some undergrads, mainly from Dwight Hall who may come in. Our first planning and worship session is to be tonight. We'll certainly remember you and your work along with others who will help most in keeping us OUT.

Picked up a V.II of Barnes: History of Western Civilization, for a \$1 at Coop -- what a volume of material. Several good chapters on Imperialism, World War, etc. Didn't realize how large a part Russia played in drawing the nations into the last one. Did you see the article in last Sat. Eve Post? Also, we have your Socialist Call; ie, we did have it intact, but have cut out several things for group and bulletin board. The 4 steps "How to Get U.S. into War" was good and clever -- get a-hold of it.

Suppose you heard of Pres. Seymour's out-and-out pro-British talk in Battel last Sunday. Word has just reached us that this morning, Sidney Lovett stood up and backed-down the Pres. -- good for Sidney! Isn't his record for the World War clear?

We're taking "The Life of Jesus" and "Prophets of Israel" together; Mary is also taking Bainton: "Church History" -- Walt is taking Neibuhh (My, oh my, school is just beginning!) and Shedd's seminar. But we're spending as much time reading off the War-peace issue as on two courses!

Some of us in the group are at least trying to keep our minds and wills open to a subsequent call that we may feel, if occasion arrises to ~~even~~ drop out of school for the "Cause" -- immediate. Then, we're thinking about necessary disciplines and preparation for possible reconstruction work abroad, perhaps, when this is over.

Guess you wont be east our way for some time, according to your schedule. We'll surely be looking forward to seeing you just the same not too far distant. Surely wish and pray Godspeed to you. We just must remember that of our own strength and vision, we are lost, but "His strength is suficientfor all our weakness". "We work with Him, or not at all".

Appreciatively and lovingly,

Mary and Walt.

Any suggestions or ideas for us or the group would be so welcome.

You may be interested in enclosed!

Take care of yourself -- don't work too hard for your own good.

Topeka, Kansas
October 9, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Raitt
409 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Folks:

For a week I have been planning to write to you. Your letter of September 25 was forwarded and keenly appreciated. It is good to get all the details about your plans. I am eager, indeed, to hear about the job. What did Lackland decide to do? Let me know about your financial arrangements. How are you getting along? Give me a bill of particulars.

I am having a really wonderful trip; better attendance and more serious response. I am taking orders for the new pamphlet of a thousand copies per day on the average. The president of the Northern Baptist Convention is sending 6,000 copies to Northern Baptist ministers with the suggestion that they take a consignment of 100 copies each. By selling 34 copies at 15¢ each, they can provide the \$5 cost of the 100 and then sell or give away to community leaders the remaining 66 copies. I am trying to get key individuals to do this same thing with ministers of the various other demoninations. We are going to print 200,000 copies as the first edition and are determined to sell a million if at all possible.

Tell the fellows that they can have a hundred copies without any cash in advance. They can pay for them out of sales or return unsold copies. I will send 2,000 copies to you right away and you can divide them up in consignments among the fellows who want them.

Do send us a lot of details about what you are doing.

With deepest affection,

KP:HH

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Written at Topeka

Oct 9

Alma Dearie:

Believe it or not! Margaret Campbell wires that she will give \$5,000 to help circulate a million copies of my new pamphlet. absolutely anonymous! Pledge the folks to strict secrecy. Do not speak to anyone outside the home of the amount or of the donor. This is exceedingly important! No ~~talk~~ talk to anybody! Not even Dick or Art or Gale. Noone!

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO.
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CHANUTE, KANS.
THE HOTEL ATCHISON
ATCHISON, KANS.

Harvey under \$200

and Philip Gray \$100. Both

enclosed.

Tomorrow will write details
about plans.

Use Myrtle full time
if necessary.

Don't kill yourself with
work and responsibility.

Had a marvelous meeting
here today with big crowd
of ministers. Going now
to mass meeting.

More tomorrow.

I love you!

Kirby

Don't tell Myrtle of the gift
no one!!

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

16-10-39

Darling:

Myrtle came out and we checked the proofs and she returned yours yesterday morning. Enclosed are my corrections. How about the word self-centeredness? Should it not be self-centeredness? Myrtle was going to look it up in library or ask an English teacher. Also enclose an article in ^{L.A.} Times magazine you may have to fight.

Grandma still sick. Percy going down now. She was sitting up yesterday. Hope she is worlds better today. Weather has been cold and had another little rain but may get warm now. Life running along as usual, getting 5 or 6 cards returned each day with orders. Where are you going to send in ones you have? Have only Fresno & Oakland.

Oh yes sent along Fern's list yesterday and it seems to conflict with Carl Moore's you can handle her from your end.

Heaps and heaps love them

~~never~~ Yours always
Alma.

Fresno — 31.18

Temple of Religion 30.

Berkeley 24 79

Hel. Peace Council 70

10-18

Lawrence Kans 20

Baker Univ 35

McPherson cal 35

Topeka Kans 60

10-21

Berkeley 20

Emporia 20

San Marcos 35

10-28

So. Methodist 30

Little Rock 15

Okla. City. 17.50

Edmond Okla 17.50

U. of Texas Austin 25

So. W. Univ Georgetown 20.

10-31

20

35 20.

Since you left, some you sent.
This is all that were deposited from
any colleges etc. from your trip.

560.97

Where were the checks from you mailed
me from around Iowa for \$20. + 35.
I grabbed a handful and made them out at bank
just as it closed, and these two were not listed.

10-11-39

Darling:

Enclosed from Mary, have written her 3 times now. Sent \$35 last time in one to this. First time sent \$25 from Susie.

Do you want the Congressional Records sent to you or kept here, as you said you wanted to keep the files of them and you don't have to read all of them as they come out.

Did you ask Myrtle to get price on a million pamphlets?

On the payments question. Ray and Iris don't have time to do much of anything now as they get home late and have homework. As for Marie & Perry, Perry doesn't do much in this line, and Marie does do a lot. Suggest that at present we get her an outfit of clothes and put extra money on place and later on can give them all a lump sum. The payments on place are most important to all of us. Remember we have \$300 to pay

next month or to renew.

Will miss

Campbell send the check on here
to deposit soon?

Always your own

Alma.

Have you read
article on eyes
in Nov Cosmopolitan
magazine. Page 50.
So so if you get
a chance.

Oct 14-1939

Darling:

Mittie got the page proof off as soon as she got it, and she took your schedule to the post office and they figured that Tulsa was the quickest that would reach you.

I am going now to Fullerton to get prices on boxes & labels. As for the counting & inserting of cards, why the family has agreed to do it. I took Marie Thursday and we went to the jobbing house and spent our wad. quite some wad too, and I have begun to sew. Have one garment almost finished. She was tickled and I told her why. & she likes the idea of things instead of money for the present, and that is what interested Perry. Marie says he is really enthused about counting the pamphlets because he wants to have a part as well as the money involved, and says he will get a suit and complete outfit. Another thing, will need money for the boxes & cards to insert and pamphlets when they are ready, at least some of it.

82 cards returned up to last nite, mostly for 100.

Heaps and heaps love

your

Alma,

Did you ask for
price on a million, will
that bring price down?

Percy W. Bod

138 Woodland Road

Scrivley, Pa.

October 16th 1939

Dear Kirby, I was just
awaiting advice as to
where to send my first
payment. I have sent
by air mail to your
wife my check for
\$200.00, 1st payment.

When the next is due
let me know in plenty

time so I can
meet it.

Did you notice that
you do not give the name
of California after La
Habra on the copy of the
advertisement?

I am thrilled be-
yond words that I
have the privilege of

making my contribution
toward a warless world
through the financial
channel. I can
hardly believe it is true!

Best wishes
and please don't kill
yourself for me need
you too much!

Sincerely,
Margaret

P.S. F. Libby Speaks
Live Rec. evening Dec 15th
N.S.C.

Monday, Oct 16—

Kirby Dear—I have not
written because there was not any
thing to tell—my back got me down
at last—about ten days Perry had to
feed the chickens—but I could go
to the bath room—and wait on myself
about the house—the misery has
left me—and I am on the job again—
nothing done to the garden—Perry plans
to come Thursday—clean it off—and get
the man to flow—just a few
tomatoes—and strawberries left now—

Siggie was still alive a few days ago—
rec'd the bunch of clippings today—
so glad you keep well—

Love from Mother

Oct 17. - 37

Darling:

Enclosed is this and that etc.....

I suppose the books did not reach
Tulsa in time as they were returned.

We didn't send any to San Marcos as
there wasn't time after putting date up.

By the way, there are very few war left
and not many of the others. Suggest you
give out leaflets and let them send
for them. We would rather do that. Those
boxes are awfully for us to lift and we
can't always take Perry along.

Buy yourself a copy of Nov. Asia.
It is all good, but Pearl Buck has a
splendid article.

Hope love then soon

Yours always

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

10-18

Darling

We were not mind readers
and didn't know you were not
going to Tulsa. I answered
your wire from Emporia as soon
as I got in touch with Myrtle as
she had gone out that afternoon. So there ^{was}

We must put on the pamphlet where
prices are given that cash must be
sent with order when less than 50
copies are ordered. I am having a card
run off to send to those who have
written. Otherwise there will be too much
book keeping to it.

Perry is nearing to go to work on the
pamphlets. Says he is going to buy some
clothes for himself.

Hope and hope love
Yours always

Alma

sent
KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Oct. 19, 39

Hi Tots -

(How are you doing? - getting
back into shape?) - Thanks
for the itinerary - but you'd
better send the next installment
soon - the hor. one.

Wouldst do us a favor
and wrap up and send
to us. Vol I + II Troeltsch ^{sent}
Social Teachings of the Ch. Churches -
and Niebuhr ^{Interpretation?} Christian Ethics -
we'd appreciate that - thanks -

Millard Kaler - the Whittier
guy - won the prize in
Philosophy here - and gets to

buy \$100.00 worth of books - boy
is he having fun picking them
out. They give one each
year in the fields of Philos.
Christian Ethics, Church History,
and, Theology - I think - It
sure swell for him.

We went to hear Marcel
Dupré give an organ recital
last night - he's the best
in the world - best say - and
boy did he ramp on it. We
moved down to the second
row where we could watch
his hands 2 feet - after the
2nd piece - It was marvelous.
They have a wonderful organ
here - - wife from -
Love Mary

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CARE PROFESSOR JOSEH CLARK TEACHERS COLLEGE HV=

WESTERN PRINTING ADVISES CAN GET OUT 25,000 DEFINITELY
ORDERED BUT HELD UP ON PAPER CANNOT GET OTHER OUT BEFORE
ARMISTICE AND LATER BOXES ORDERED NOW APPORTION FIRST BATCH
PROBABLY NEED ABOUT \$200 MORE=

ALMA.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Oct. 20, 1939

Dear Peggy -

Just what should be the
procedure for copying the prayers? -
most of them are short - do you
just want the authors name -
or that of both + publisher too - so
you can obtain permission - or
do you have to? -

I'm just getting really
started on the job - and boy
its sure hard to tell what's
what - there's so many, many to
read and sort out. I'm
having Walt check over to help
eliminate some too.

Say when are you going to

be around this neck of the woods?
We only have your schedule
thru Oct. I was hoping
we might get together to see
the Fair in N.Y. but I think
it closes at the end of October.
Not sure tho. If we even get
down to N.Y. I want to get
the typewriter - need one here in
the library and am at home.

The Northampton meeting set-up an
organization of pacifists in this Conn. Valley
Region. Yale is probably most active
with Dwight Hall group. Harold Chance
promises us work from next summer
and fallowing, if not before. F.O.R.
+ Peace Comm. of Am. Friends Serv. are trying
to set-up a Nat'l Registration for pacifists
for "alternative service".

Busy as everything - speaking 2 + 3
times a week at 4 clubs, Church groups,
etc. Prof. Bainton very helpful to
"Worship Study" group.

Carry on - Love
"The Kids"

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Received at

No 3 S CK 47 DL XC

Mrs Kirby Page

Fone Whittier 81-119

La Habra Calif.

^S
Huntville Texas 145 PM 10-30-39

Please Go in Person Urge Printer Move Heaven and Earth to find paper Immediately for Entire three hundred thousand Even if several different types paper are used and even if Slight extra cost Stop absolutely imperative entire Lot be rushed Stop Finer quality paper preferable to inferior.

Kirby Page

F 237 P.M. & M 3 Pm

2:26 P.M.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

4. P.M. 10-20-39

Darling:

Have just talked with printer
and they have scared up enough
paper to keep working continuously
beginning Monday morning. However
they can only print about 10 thousand
copies a day at capacity. The
extra price is about 3750 for 30 thousand
or a dollar a thousand for a few thousand.
Have gotten over their scare about
money and are willing to work ahead
but they are only a small place
and can put out just so many
a day and not altogether continuously.
I am asking them to try to get more
men to work three shifts but
they say skilled men are scarcer
than hens teeth.

Everybody working hard.

Always yours

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

10-20-39

Darling:

Here is proof of extra pages.

you can return by Air Mail as Sunday intervenes. Wried you last night results of consultations with printer. They say the war has caused shortage of paper. He wried Mills and they say on acct of large order they can rush through getting on way here by 30th and about ten days transit. We should have started sooner if you know anyone who could pull strings might help. Have ordered boxes from Angulus Paper Box Co. for 50 size 4 100 size 1.

The Printers were loth to go ahead with order as were afraid would not get money and I wrote out an order agreeing on payments as you sent in and signed it as authorized by you and assured them they would get money. The 25 thousand you definitely ordered will be off in about a week after all is in. Will need a couple of hundred more to make the first payment when return this proof. Suppose I can get it from bank if necessary. Or should

I pay full first payment if only 25 thou.
will be ready. Boy am I in a haze!
Hope all goes well with you.

Can't ship more book consignments
out as we have only a dozen or so
Wax on hand - a box or so of R.R. Should
we return some of those Crested Pioneers?

Sent F&R \$200. All I can think of now

allus yours

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tues.
10-24-39

Darling:

Don't know why airmail did not reach you Saturday at your hotel.

We sent a big envelope with the proofs of the extra pages (3, 4, etc) in the morning, ^(Friday) and it left Whittier about one P.M. ^{7th} because I forgot to put on a special delivery stamp and Myrtle called the Whittier P.O. and they caught it and put it on and said it was just ready to go out: In the afternoon after talking with printers wrote you from P.O. about paper, which you seem to have gotten on Monday.

Did you eventually get proofs? What about some more money for boxes, envelopes, stamps? Lack \$150. on printer's check.

You keep us constantly flabbergasted with new instructions and more instructions. We are doing our damndest.

Always yours
Alma

Wed. Oct. 25th 1939

Dear Mammy,

What are you doing, hibernating? How's about a letter, and you cant' say this time that I haven't been writing to you. Well, we're settling down more now, getting in the groove, so to speak. Also the place is much more livable now. All we really need now is a rug for the living room. How I wish we had one or two of your Persian rugs, especially the bluest one. By the way, have you written Betty yet about those hangings and the barved bookcase? I don't know just when we'll be able to get down there, but we will get there some day. And if we decide to go all of a sudden, it would be nicer if you had written her first. We can sure use the table. I'd like to get down to Sunnyside myself and look around. But I can't seem to get Walt into the mood, when we have the money.

We drove out to Danbury Sunday, where Walt spoke to a group. Gosh, you've never seen such color-- boy it was really beautiful. We brought home some branches, and they look swell on the bookcase. The color has been brighter and lasted a lot longer this year than last, the hurricane spoiled most of it then. Its beginning to get cold too. I still have to get the black coat cleaned and pressed.

The Div. School had their formal reception last night. Afterwards Ann and Pete were having some people in, so we invited a few more. We Had a lot of fun, but didn't get to bed till arter 1 a.m.. and didn't bother to get to first class this morning. I've been working on reading for Dad. Boy, have I got a lot to go through on prayer here. I've really got to settle down on it. That's sure a hard thing to read for. I'm getting some good ones though.

We've been taking orders on the pamphlet here, Dad's sending us 2,000 to get rid of. We already have orders for a $2\frac{1}{4}$ of them. If we need more, do we get them from you, or from where? Bet you have your hands full, but bet its not as bad as questionnaires!!!!

Did you send those books Walt wants? Then wouldst do us another favor? I'd like to have my enlarger and stuff here. Do you think you could manage to get it packed OK? It comes apart pretty much, the top comes off, and the bulb out etc. Also to go with it are: the quart glass measure, last seen in one bathroom drawer; the sponge with it,; and out of a box full of stuff left in the garage or store room, the three black bakelite trays, roller, crome trays, (1 or 2)? brown bottle of beeswax, and as much of the sealed boxes of developing paper as will fit in, (don't open these in the light; the 'safelight', and anything else that looks important in that box. Do you think you could get that done for me? I'd sure appreciate it. Of course, don't bother with any of the bottles of liquid, better throw them out, if there are any left, some tin cans of crystals I want though. The three trays can be put together, which they are'nt now, I think. Gosh, It would be swell if you would do that sometime soon.

By the way do you want me to send some of those non-run stockings for Iris? And in return, how about a couple more bras, size 36???? You know the kind, Tre-Zur, "It" or "New freedom" many thanks.

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Shirley Hall
CARE REV HUGH FOUKE WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH OKCTY=

DID YOU GET PROOF SENT TO DALLAS PAGES 34 AND INDEX.

NEED MONEY MEET EARLY OBLIGATIONS ON PAMPHLET LOVE=

ALMA.

(Res)
83603

4-1433

34.

Selw
Selw above adw 740g

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Oct 26

Darling,

When will you be first
half of Oct? Have no itinerary.
Get first 100 pamphlets at 5 PM
tomorrow. Will try to get you
one but doubt if it will reach
Occola on time. Maybe Myrtle
has another address?

Hope to get things going soon
and will do the best we can.

Heaps and heaps love

Yours always

Alma

10-28-39

Darling :-
could not get magazines
to you at Chicago as only got
your letter yesterday afternoon
and I haven't enough money
to send them Air Mail.
Have gotten by so far without
borrowing as F & R check had
not come in yet, as for what
did I do with it, well I made
payments to bank & Company ^{J.H.H.}
so they would not take things
away from us. We need money
worse now on acct of boxes
and envelopes & stamps. as soon
as money comes in ^{for books} we will do
better. We are sending on consignment
remember & we pay postage! Love
Alma

Mon. Oct 30. 39

Dear Pappy —

I just got a letter
back that I sent you to
Arkansas — I'm sorry I missed
you there — hope this gets to
Chicago on time — how about
your schedule — we don't have
any after Oct. — so if you
want mail — I asked
mother for it — but so far it
hasn't come.

We're still waiting for the
pamphlet — so far we've
taken orders for about 800 or 900
of them — so I think we
can give out half of them
right off the bat as soon as
the get here — by the way —
who is printing it? Boy
I & bet mother is kept busy

Boy, we're sure keeping busy —
Walt has been out speaking
every Sunday night so far I
think — oh Peace of course — so

various young peoples groups - then he has an average of 3 or 4 visits a week in the Hi-Y work - then we manage to get some studying done - We've been getting up at 6:30 fairly regularly - tho I slip some times. The apartment runs pretty smoothly now - and we manage to eat as much as usual - we aren't getting much exercise - no doubt.

We found that going all the time to Dahl's class is a waste of time - he spends so much time on kindergarten stuff - not related to the material at all - so I use that period on reading on the subject and get further - I'm going to Bairstow's tho - but not having time to do much reading. Krackling likewise - tho do some.

I'm spending at least 2 hours a day on Prayers - and usually a lot more. I have been through 18 books so far -

2.

As usual I mark too many -
but Walt cuts them down - it's
so hard to know what to
choose. Many good ones are
eliminated because of awkward
language, etc. Then too -
after you read so many alike -
you're apt to skip through
too quickly perhaps and miss
some good ones - but anyway
we're getting a lot of good
ones - tho some are a bit
lengthy. It really involves
time tho -

Do you still
intend to wind up most of
the work right after Xmas?

And by the way - what
about permissions - how are
you working that - myrtle -
would you want me to
do it?

We got Mother's check for \$35.
a while back - I thought
then I might be able to get

P.S. Finding real joy in the fight for peace. Not easy even
at school. But such help as Banister, Lincoln, + Calhoun
aid greatly. Young people's groups responding splendidly.
Carry on - we're praying
for you - w.

Some part time work - to write her.
not to send anymore - Since
then we've about decided not to
juggle around with very low
returns on such work and
really concentrate on this - so
maybe we still will need a
little contribution from you - tho
I sure hate to do it - I want
you to get that place paid for
as fast as you can. We
don't know yet what Waldo's
salary will be - it depends
on the success of the Community
Chest drive - and also we
can't be for sure of how much
we need to live on - since
this first month has been so different
with added expenses on the house. -
but I'm pretty sure we don't need
\$35 from you - \$25 ought to do
the trick. I take it that this
was what you'd rather have us do.
Write soon - and do get some rest Love - Harry
+ Walt.

10-31-39.

Darling:

At last we have a few pamphlets and some boxes. Rest of boxes tomorrow, we hope. Those D-printers are about to get my goat. If they can't get a hurry on I am going to see what I can do in L.A. for any over this number contracted for here. It will at least give them a scare.

Hope you don't change your schedule again, and when you decide to stop at a place send word far ^{enough} ahead to get them there. Had sent magazines to Atlanta. Have asked they be sent to Memphis. If they do not reach you leave address far enough ahead to catch you.

Am sending some today to Nashville.

If you want Mrs Corbitts book sent to someone else can get some. The Advance Pub. Co merely neglected to tell me it had been given to someone else. Hittler's Week here now. As Doug Douglas puts it "most people sleep in the raw".
Heaps love! yours ever



Friday Night, [Nov 1934]
6 o'clock

HOTEL STERLING
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

TELEPHONE
2-3131

Dear Kirby, - your letters always enjoyed -
Everything and every one here are OK
Except my "whereges" and oh boy
do I love em -

Finished watering all the trees yesterday -
Hoes and sythe I keep as busy
with as I can.

Then there is a couple of loads
of boxes daily to load up.

at night working putting the cards
in and counting them, then into
the Boxes -

Have been working from 4 to 9 1/2
hours each night. Marie has been
working up to 9 to 11 ³⁰
a bee hive of activity - Hey - Hey

We try to get Alma off to bed
by 9-

Maie and I very thankful we can
do this work and make our selves
the Extra Money - We are going
to buy us enough clothes for
a year or two - work and dress.

Maie does not work inserting
cards or counting - Alma said she
would rather have her story with
the typewriter, and the other
work that goes with it.

That she would just pay her
when we get through what I
make with my night work.

Including today we have received
154,310 books here, and they sent our
one bunch of 5400 for us - Total 159,710

To my credit so far I have counted
and inserted 94,300 cards. How's that?

When they say the first 10,000 is the hardest.
I hope so. We have things were under control.
Hope also were with you, home - Ring.

UNIVERSITY CLUB
URBANA, ILLINOIS

Wed. Mar 18

Kirby Dear - read your good letter - so glad you keep up so well - did any one tell you about the chicken house - well, Perry found one ready built for five dollars - they put it on rollers & pulled it over with the mans ear its in the farthest pen - for pullets - the white roosters are all sold - & I have enough money to buy feed for a good while - May get fifty hedge plants - for 60 its put out some yesterday, hope to finish to day - a boy dug the holes. He has fixed up four beds for strawberries. It is some cooler to day, so I will start transplanting them right away - can do it a little at a time, am feeling much better - finished the quilt at last - Gij's is able to be up a little - love I pray for you all the time - Mother

11-1-39

Darling:-

at last they have promised to give us 10,000 or over each day and use up all the paper they can get. (which is good for 87,000) until the paper ordered from the mill comes, which should be by the 10th.

We have sent out to financial list and most of single copies, except the college list for 7 copies. No envelopes have arrived as yet from different agencies, which is good, as we cannot send them for a while if they are not stamped. It does cost money to buy stamps. We are getting out to contributing agencies as fast as we can get them, one or two hundreds sent East, where they wanted them for a certain date.

Had to send after some of boxes yesterday and rest delivered some time today.

For the love of Mike, don't put in any more odds. They don't pay for themselves and people will order anyway.

We will be so glad to see Francis and she should arrive at just the right time. Heat wave less pronounced yesterday but still 91°, if you know what I mean. Am sending 200 booklets to Chicago.

Heaps love
your ever in ever



THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL

MORRISON HOTEL

A Great Hotel in a Great City

Nov. 2

CHICAGO

Alma Beloved:

I am here for the day enroute to Kansas. Had a grand time in Michigan, with many addresses and an excellent response. More and more I am speaking with assurance and power. Yesterday spoke to a large company of Clergymen.

Bishop Blake thinks he can come to Estes Park in August. Also Fred Fisher, whom we met in India, later a Bishop, and now pastor of a big church in Detroit. Owen Geer and Fred

LEONARD HICKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR



THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL

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CHICAGO

Boole are coming to Estes Park. The vacation-Conference idea clicks. We are going to have a marvelous summer.

on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday I will be in Topelka
Care JAYHAWK HOTEL. Monday
travel. Tuesday, Boulder Colo
% Boulderado Hotel. Wednesday
and Thursday, travel. Early
Friday morning I arrive in
HEAVEN!! How eager I am to
see you! Never more so!!
I love you, I do, I do!
Your Kirby

9 Broadway, Apt. 25
New Haven, Conn.
November 6, 1939

Dear Pappy:

The way you tear back and across the landscape is a caution! It is quite conceivable that you wouldn't have much time to spend on the book! We've had several fine repercussions of your responses through students from mid-west. But we're pretty perturbed about not getting any pamphlets. Were they to come from the publisher or the hilltop? In fact, I guess we don't know who is publishing it. But they should be here before you can answer (they'd better!). People on all sides are eagerly awaiting them and some can't hardly wait -- with talks on schedules, etc.

Regarding your visit, we're so thrilled! Either Tuesday or Wednesday would be preferable for it would give us an afternoon and evening free, but whatever works out best for you can be arranged here. We had thought of going down along the sound at the Henry Wright cottage. If you'd like, we could go down for the afternoon together, and then if you felt like it, we ask a small group down -- like the "Fellowship group" for a very informal time in the evening. In fact, we could stay there for the night, (3 of us) if we get a reservation in a week or so in advance. It is very nice, and only the lady in charge there would be there. She also would get our meals. Let us know how this appeals, if your schedule will allow, etc.

It is so good to hear that you are holding up so well and finding solid support wherever you go. We think of you so much in thought and prayer and know that you are being used mightily for His work. The insights and resources gained this summer are not to be short-lived. They help so very very much and are a continual source of refreshment and stimulus for "sinking the roots down deep".

We balanced our books for the first month and of course discovered that we're wonderful spenders! Our actual necessities of living were quite reasonable, however. Board for 3 of us, plus visitors rather regularly, was only about \$35; so that's less than 25 for the two of us. And we've been eating well! Apple pies, mince pies, biscuits and stuff, geepers we're both getting plump, if you know what we mean!! We did spend nearly 100 dollars this first month (5 weeks), but a good deal was fixing-up the place. We should get along fine this month with about half that much. With nearly ten left over and our check, everything is set, so don't worry!

*to the
Haverford
Hill*

Yesterday, we had a grand experience with the Friends' Group here. Dr. Kelly of Haverford was with us and what a real inspiration he was. We sort of plan to go regularly to the Group on Sunday. There is a Friends' Peace Conference at Cambridge next week-end, but we'll not try to make it. Walt has two speaking engagements on Sunday, both at churches, one a Youth Rally.

Pressure of work is letting-up some, so that we're into a good pace now and Mary is doing good work on the prayer books; we've found additional resources for material in professors libraries, etc.

With much love,

take care of yourself — see you soon — Mary — Walt.

11-8-39

Dealing:

First, before I forget, or before it gets buried in the midst of details. Please ask Miss Campbell to send the other \$1000 now to help on that second payment on the 23rd of 25⁵⁵ and on stamps. It is needed more now than at any other time. I am not going to borrow any more at the bank, and the money for consignments should come in in time for Dec. Also there is a matter of 300 due this month which we got in the summer. We shall have to renew it I guess. \$40 a day for stamps is a lot of money.

We have sent out now, all orders, most of single copies, now sending colleges 7 now getting extra paper which is heavier and makes a pound more a hundred, so we are using for the colleges as much as can as 7 are 3 cts, regular weight send \$ for 1 1/2 lbs. about — orders for Century. Intercollegian came out later, none as yet. Hull sold 1100 at conference at Ellens ch. Sat. sent in several orders. All consignments to distributors sent, of course. We were late getting copies and sent some here and there as thought best and it seems to take quite a time to get them there as some have telegraphed and written, probably crossing books

on way. We get pre-cancelled stamps and the packages go right on out. The actual mechanics of getting them out is terrific, and we all go full tilt. Ray + Iris have no time to help except on weekends. Frances is here now and helping too.

The Lutheran envelopes have come \$12.61 express charges. Need money for stamps. Mitchell wired for us to send pamphlets to him 6 thousand. Even Connie took 100 to Pomona to sell.

The Stamp letter will cost \$37. with sig. stamp, for 12000. Pomona Progress Printers. also getting estimate on book from them.

Sending magazines to Prof Whitney Synovace. Where will you be 17th to 24th N.Y. city? Send right away

Heaps and heaps love

you always

Alma.

Wed night Nov 8th

Kirby Dear - I say night - but
it's only five o'clock - & getting dark -
I am glad you saw Idalia - you can tell
me all about it when you come home -
It has been a wet day - not real rain - but
a heavy mist all day - I have been quite
busy again - quilting, & marking a little
out doors - cannot dig long at the time
but have cleaned out the berry vines, & little
trees by them, weeds got six inches high
I have started transplanting the straw - but
can only do a few each day - get most of
them up with a chunk of dirt - so they will
grow right on - I am still getting some & eat
have a few turnips & beets coming along -
will plant a few others soon as can -
but have to go down - I have a hen setting

exchanged eggs for some that would hatch
the folks have not been able to get any
baby chicks - they are high & hard to
get, so I will try to hatch some
Kay & I've brought Mrs Miller to see me for
a little while - every one is mighty busy
I can do nothing to help anyone - try to
be as little trouble as possible - some of
them come by every day - some days twice -
it's almost five thirty - so I'll get under
the covers - my back & eyes will not
let me work or read any longer -

I pray God to keep you safe & well -
Love from Mother

Wed. Nov. 8th

Dear Mammy--

Well, here's a bit of relaxation for you, the long awaited--we trust--Epic is now typed, and an all day job it was. We think its pretty clever, hope you like it. Pass it around, read it the Grandma. And I hope that she is better by now, and also Perry, and that you aren't being worked too hard.

We got 100 pamphlets yesterday, thanks, but we have orders for at least 900 more, so any time you can get around to it, they're sure asking for them. Gosh, I didn't realize that they were being printed in Whittier, what place is doing them???? I hope that you get some rest....but a letter is welcome anytime.

We're busy as hecktors puppy and then some. I'm spending about all my available time on Dad's work, and boy is there a lot to read. In between I do the washing and ironing, All except sheets--they won't fit in my sink. Then I have to bake a pie or cake once in a while. I don't really kill myself, but I certainly don't have any spare time.

I finally got all the sewing done on my clothes last week, so now I can wear them. Everybody has commented on them, and they sure like the buttons. I'm having a heck of a time getting those on my two green jackets buttoned yet, it takes about half an hour. Aside from that its OK. I got the black coat cleaned and pressed, tho I haven't worn it as yet. Its been staying pretty warm around here. Lots of the leaves are still on the trees, in town at least.

Dad is finally getting around to New Haven, probably on Wed. the 22 of the month. We're going to take him down to the Henry Wright Cottage, which is on the Sound. Where it will be a lot more quiet that it is here. Its a cottage in memory of Henry Wright, where groups go for meetings etc. and we can stay overnight for the cost of the sheets laundry, and our meals. Its a grand place, we were out there last night with Dr. Shedd's group.

Right now I can't think of a thing else to say, so I'll sign off--

Love -

Busy & happy!

This gal is a wanderer! What pies & cakes.
(She sh, we're putting on pounds!)

Have another job lined up - at the 'Y' - about \$150
more! Walt.

Thompson Tex

Dec 9, 1939,

Dear Alma

your letter recieved. also.

one from Iris today. I would sure
love to help you all out but the
way I feel now I am afraid I
would be more in the way than
being any help. I am not able
to be on my feet any thing like
I use to be when I was out-
there to stay the last time.

I know it is too much for you
and I think that is one thing

that in keeping you down if you
could just turn loose and get
away from it all I expect you
would get better. you have not
had a chance to get away from
there in a long time and I think
it would help you to get a rest.
cant Mrs. Mary come over and
help you some days. she is much
stronger than I am. I sure would
love to be with you and help
you all I could, but I cannot
come now. I do not think I
could stand the cold out there
I have let the fire burn all
night two nights lately and

it is just november. when I get cold
it seems like I cannot get warm
without heat, and another thing
I cannot leave this baby yet
she sleeps with me all the time
and will not sleep with anyone
else. and she looks to gramma
for every thing and she is so
much company to me too. John
got the books yesterday but has not
had any time to read them yet.
I finished a quilt today did it
all by myself. put it in on
Friday too. wonder if you ever had
your quilted yet. will put in another

one next week, we really need them
especially when we have company.
Tell Iris I will write to her in
a few days, say why don't you try
to get some one to come and stay
there and help you all out
while you are so busy. I am afraid
it is too much on you. When
are you expecting Kirby home again
and where is he now, lots of love
and hope you will be feeling better

Lovingly Mother,

Nov. 12, 1939

Dear Paddy -

Did you get our last couple
of letters - Chicago - both of them??

Anyway we're wondering what day
you've decided to come to New Haven -
Walt said either Tues or Wed. but
Tues. wouldn't be so good for him now.
Wed. is O.K. and Thurs. would be
nice except that it's Thanksgiving
here and Walt has a class 1:20 to 2:20
after that O.K. So suit yourself.

We hope you can stay overnight
at least - if not longer. We
thought of taking you out to the
Henry Wright Cottage overnight. We'd
like to know the day therefore - in
order to reserve it more definitely.

Thanks for the \$25. and I
do think that will be all. Because
Walt is taking on more work at
the Y. Bill Fenstermaker is leaving -
so they're splitting the job up 3
ways. It will mean about
\$20 a month more we think -
which would be just about
right. I can usually get
about \$5 or \$10 a month typing
myself - about \$3 so far this month.

I've been getting a lot in on
the prayers. I've gone through
quite a stack of them - and
I've got quite a bit typed for
you - I'll give you when you
get here.

Sosh there's lots to talk
over when we see you - I wish

you could stay more than one
day - and also so many people
have expressed a desire to
see you - if you felt like it -
we thought of a small group out
at the Cottage, but that's entirely
up to you.

Walt's been out speaking every
Sunday - twice today - and
we've got more orders than pamphlets
so far. We need more - we've
had about 900 so far - Walt's
been doing better & better in speaking.
He's a good speaker.

The radio's working swell - outside
of electric razor & vacuum cleaner in
the house - but we've had no
trouble with it at night - it's
sure swell - and a life saver -
See you soon - Love - many

Grand boast from Harry Rudin of History
Dept - at our Armistice service. - Coal,
Calen - thoroughly comprehensive historical
view. His main contention - is the
"National sovereignty" basis - for life
must be overcome. Bow the knee to the State
the great loyalty - Religion, democracy - even
Hitler's ideas or Communism - bow to vital
National interest.

Not new to you of course, but well
emphasized for us.

Getting enthusiastic response in & about
town. - Got together this worship service
for use of groups -

Looking forward with eager anticipation
to seeing you again.

What a grand life!

See you soon -

Walt.

✓
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1939

My dear Mrs. Page:

My attitude has not changed at all and, of course, I would approve of anything or any one who wanted to keep us out of war. However, perhaps I might think this could be done by different methods than your husband suggests.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. R. Smith

11 - 15

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

Here is an interesting letter from Michigan, nice idea! Have written Fay Bennett you could not be there the 28th. Besides, Bill Hale says the Asilomar committee wanted to know if you were available.

The last third of paper will be delivered the last of the month. Should we order more? Takes a month to get it. About two weeks or less to run off 100,000. We are working about to capacity here. Have received envelopes from Sutherans and another from New York which I think are the Episcopalian. Have not sent out either yet. stamps, and orders to get out and remainder of consignments to get out, about finished there. These others have to be stamped three times. Ret. postage, K.P. address, Books, besides putting on postage. Stamp letter printed. ~~no~~ envelopes as yet. The printer gets out of paper before the next batch arrives, so we have a day off now and then. Francis working hard. She also carries her load around the house, no trouble with her now. Hugs and kisses love
Always yours
Alma.



The Wellington

Hotel with Garage

136 State Street

Albany, N.Y.

Nov. 16

Alma Dearie:

Still going strong!

Really feel remarkably fit.

Had a fine day in Buffalo.

am collecting names of persons
who may be willing to
contribute toward the fund
with which to send sample
copies to clergymen.

Expect to see Mary
and Walt soon.

Hope all goes well.

Devotedly

Kirby



HOTEL STERLING

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

TELEPHONE
2-3131

Nov. 17, 1939.

Dear Sirley:

Just add a few lines
to Perry's as we have no little time.
The orders are coming in fast every day
and we are filling them as fast as
they come in.

The Christian Century ad has
brought in about 100 orders perhaps
more as some people don't use
the ship, but they say they saw
the ad.

We are putting the return post
cards in the first two hundred thousand
do you want them in the other



HOTEL STERLING

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

TELEPHONE
2-3131

hundred thousand?

I sit at the typewriter all day and part of the night making labels, statements, cards, and even writing some letters.

Many and many have asked for some more we have sent them up to date 1000 copies. So they sure are selling them.

People are writing in for more after they have sold their first orders.

We are very pleased the way things are going. Write us soon Margaret sends a kiss
we too Love Marie

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Nov. 18th.

Dear Pappy,

Well, as to when we would like you here, Any, and all of those days, but maybe we had better say next Wednesday for a starter. How about that? And could you possibly get back again one of those other days? It would be nice to go to New York, but more expensive, and besides we think it would give you more of a rest here. Will you be staying overnight? I hope so, If you can let us know what time your train gets here, we can come meet you. The bus is running fine.

The Yale-Princeton game is now in session, and is it a good one! Yale has 7 and Princeton is getting closer, but so far so good. Last week Dr. Shedd gave us his tickets to the Brown-Yale game, so I got to see one game here. It was fun, but not too good a game. This one is much more exciting.

Harold Chance was here again Monday. It was good to see him. He still thinks he could use us next summer. He showed us the pictures of the Mexican project, work camp last summer. They had some good movies of it, showing Ray Newton hard at work building an adobe school.

I think I have a pretty fair stack of stuff for you to look over. I hope I'm on the right track on these prayers. We've got some good ones I think, tho its hard to tell if you've used some of them before. Most of them, I think not..

Walt is going great guns on studying and everything. He's doing a good job on the Y job as far as I can tell. And he's certainly getting a lot out of his studying and classes. Then hes been going good on going out and speaking to groups. We're sure having a swell time allthe time. Be great to see you. Bye for now.

Love -
Mary & Walt

Sunday night. Nov 19—

Kind Dear, here its nearly
Thanksgiving time owing to the change
& I have finished another Sunday—
got by very well—this is the fourth
letter—Bessy & Marie came a few minutes
then later Iris, & Mrs Miller—on their way
somewhere—they all helped—right late one
neighbor today brought some jills desert for
my supper—did any one tell you—I put
Linoleum on the Kitchen floor
it looks fine—painted the bath, &
bed room floors gray—
then Alma got some paint for the
chicken houses, for mites—put it on
the roosts & nest boxes—the hen is
due to hatch in a week, the straws are
all transplanted—I feel pretty well—
travels, love, & best wishes. Mother



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Nov. 2 ✓

Darling:

Had a really marvellous visit with Mary and Walt. They met me at train on Tuesday morning and I remained until Wednesday afternoon. WE spent the afternoon, evening and next morning at the Henry Wright cottage on the sound. WE talked and talked and talked. Am immensely pleased with their attitudes and achievements. Mary looked

lovelier than ever. They are
joyous and enthusiastic. Mary
has been working steadily on the
book and turned over to me
118 prayers! Walt will earn
about \$500 from the Y job, and
has a scholarship which takes
care of tuition. Their apartment
is conveniently located and very
comfortable. Fixed up nicely
with many of your gifts.

Next Wednesday afternoon
they are driving to Sunnyside
and will pick up things there -
we hope! They will stay
over night and we will

go to a concert or opera.
Will tell you all about it.

Had nearly three hours
with Sherwood today. Grand
visit. He is in good health
and busy as ever. No
longer pacifist, as you know,
but less bellicose than I
feared. Thinks America
should stay out of the war.

Got a glimpse of Sidney
Gambel and will have longer
visit with him next week.

I am feeling remarkably
well. Rest every day!

am terribly lonesome for
a sight of you. Next year will
plan 5 and 6 weeks' trips. This
one is much too long.

Much love to my own
sweetheart

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

11-21-39,

Darling:

We are still working hard.
Have caught up with orders, and
are sending out singles to ministers -
Episcopal, Lutherans; + Methodists, ^{740 Readers} from Chicago.
Have the letters to go to So Baptists. If they are
in the batch of boxes here will send out.
Have sent out over 150,000 already.
The Englishman Langley suggests we
send some to Lonsbury + others in England
and Latham (Philip Ken) at Washington D.C. (He suggests
getting Ch. Sec. Monitor to publish it serially in
their paper. also Readers Digest. Told him they ^{R.D.}
had been approached.

We are having a rushing time
all the time.

Love

Alma your
Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

We have slowed down somewhat in our output lately, as we have no back orders, get them out day they come in, and have been filling singles for ministers. You simply cannot put out 10,000 singles a day and do anything else or even sleep at night. There are an awful lot of those methodists from 740 Rush St. Chicago. We have the Episcopalians now and soon to have those from Nashville, Tenn. We shall not need as many delivered each day now as before. We shall continue to put in the cards.

We surely will be glad to see you home again, but hope most of the pamphlets will be out of the way before you get here, or you might sort of run us crazy about getting things done. Anyway, we will all be glad to see you home again. I might even be glad to see you myself. Oh yes went to 1st Baptist Sunday with Iris + Frances and Frank and Fridell (who preached) said to tell you hello. Frank is selling a lot of pamphlets, announces it from the pulpit each time and has a table in the foyer with literature. I have had 400. Bill is on the second 100, and Marie's SS class has an additional 100 to sell outside the church in the neighborhoods where they live.

Another letter from the Englishman Saugley.

He came out once as I wrote you. Am sending some
singles to Lady Astor, Sandburg; and to him at Washington.
Who is that lady who was Mrs. Strait. You had better send
her one. First class, with a separate letter. What
about someone in China?

We have the Christmas turkey if he doesn't get
away or a coyote doesn't catch him.

Heaps and heaps love

Ever Always yours

Alma.

Sending magazines to
Allentown Pa.

G. L. Miller
676 Wallace
York Pa.

Nov 30.

Dear Kirby,

Perhaps you have heard from Iris' brother, Gault, at York Pa. I wrote him again the other day, but it may have been late for him to write you. In case you haven't written him would you please write him a line as to your appointments in York territory. He would like to meet you somewhere.

We are having a grand time. Am on the Island today to see my brother. Must be starting toward N. C. soon.
Frances.

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NW. 30

Darling:

Mary and Walt came down
Wednesday afternoon and stayed
until Thursday afternoon.
Wonderful visit together. Saw
a musical Comedy and a
movie! Turkey dinner!
It was a much needed
rest for all of us.

Half of Sunny-side
is now in New Haven
or on its way to California.
Such tales of discoveries!

You will hear more!

Please answer Jim's
letter. Which procedure do
you prefer? Follow through,
please.

More soon.

As ever

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

December 1, 1939

Dear Kirby:

Did you know that we were not getting a real Union Label at the Western Printing Company? It seems that they only had the typographical Union, and Monday the rest of the people went out on strike for better conditions, and Western Printing refused to let them unionize. Therefore, all the work has been tied up because they have stopped them from using the label.

I have today changed printers after advising with the men on strike. We are giving the work to Wolfer Printing Company, 416-428 Wall Street, Los Angeles. Their price is 3.6 a pamphlet, which, I think, is a fraction of a cent higher than Western Printing; but we will get the Allied Printing Label on the work. Also am negotiating with the Union people to take up and help distribute the pamphlets and there may be possibilities there for a number of pamphlets in the days to come.

It is costing something to make the change, but no more than would be necessary a little later, anyway, on account of type wearing out. We have received about 190,000 to date and have only a few on hand, but Wolfers promises more by Wednesday, certainly.

On account of this change will need another \$1,000 if you can get it. Money is coming in rather well on consignments, but some of them are plenty slow. We ought to get more just after the first of the month. Will know by next week how we stand. Do hope all this meets with your approval, and believe you would have acted in the same way if you had been here.

always your own
Alma.



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SAVANNAH HOTEL
SAVANNAH, GA.

WRITTEN FROM ANSLEY HOTEL

ATLANTA, GA. Dec. 1

Sweetheart:

Have had a grand time
in Georgia!

Attended week-end conference
at Paine College in Augusta with
white and Negro students from
several colleges.

All-university convocation
of Negro students at Atlanta
Univ., Morehouse & Spelman
colleges. Another one at
Clark & Gammon with Negro
students.

Profitable day at Milledgeville
at Teachers College with 1300
young women at chapel!!!

Had brief visit with
Mrs Egan. Did not see
Alexander. Talked with
Eleanor + with Frances.

Letter today for Alexander!
Will see him in Houston.

am writing to
Susie.

Tell Mary I was glad
to get her letter & will
write soon.

am LONESOME for you!!

Yours

Kirby

Dec. 3, 1939

Dear Mamma -

This is to inform
you of the glad news that
Sunnyside is now minus
a bunch of junk. In
other words - we got rather
dirty - but the attic &
cellar are a bit cleaner.
We dumped all the
stuff into the old trunk -
and left the \$5. for the
clashes, for the Ludwig
to get someone in to

2.

tie it up and ship it.

Lot of Correspondence in
it and old pictures. I
brought here the pictures
of us as kids - and picked
out a few for myself -

mostly duplicates. And
will send the rest on
in due season along with
a whole box of picture
postcards that you might
use in church or elsewhere.
There were only 2 brass
bowls - small ones with
covers - one for you from the

Seoul Y.W.C.A. - only parrot
salt shakers and green glass
mes. In the process, the
Raitt household made a
slight haul. We took the
3 dining room chairs - nice -
and the footstool - don't
cry - and the unfolding
table we used to eat on -
and the glass door book
case - goes swell in our
room - plus odds & ends
of pottery - mostly small
jugs - for lamps etc. and
pots & pans - & 3 cutglass
dishes - are they good me?
Oh yes - and pictures -

at least 20. We put up
the 'Jesus in the wheat field'
me and the mountain me -
what Snow capped peak is
this me? - you had it in
Ha. Houch Heights - ? all
the rest of the religious
me - and 2 Venetian me
and several unframed prints.
What me would you like
us to send, if any? One
big Japanese scroll print
(2 drunks just wandered in,
(my what nice neighbors we have)
Anyway. In fact that's
over. Took us about 6 hours
or so - and did we pack our
car up - whee! - Well - don't
work too hard - all our love - Mary



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

December 4

Dearie:

Think you acted wisely in
changing printers. So glad that
you acted promptly. Suppose they
will make plates instead of
re-setting.

How much cash had been
paid to Western?

I am writing letters constantly
about gifts for the pamphlet but
see no way to get \$1000
cash now. If necessary make
short loan at bank. Have been
writing personal letters to financial

prospects but am now going
to experiment with typewritten
ones. Am sending list of
names to Myrtle and she
will mail batch to me
to sign. Early in January
will get some cash from
regular contributors. So think
we are O.K.

Packed house at Community
Church Forum here last night.

Feeling grand.

Ever your own

Kirby

"A CHEERFUL PLACE"

The Proctor Hotel

W. D. TURNER, MANAGER

Greenville, N. C. Enroute to New Orleans
Dec 6

Sweetheart:

Have had extremely good hearing in North
Carolina with an excellent resthouse.

Am due to reach Houston early in the
morning & will go at once to Cleveland.

Hope to see Susie also.

Will leave Houston Wednesday night
& am due to reach Puente Friday
afternoon about 4:10.

Can hardly wait to see you.

Heaps of love and then some

Kirby

9 Broadway Apt.25
Dec. 7, 1939

Send slip

Dear Mom,

I meant to ask you in the last letter about us getting new licence plates. We want to keep Calif. ones. Could you find out for us what we have to do? or could you get them when you get yours? In case you can, and all you need is the information on the pink slip, here it is:

Walt Raitt
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Code
30-LA

Reg. no. IW5375
Make Chev. 6
First sold 5-9-31
Date issued 9-25-39 Class R-31
Serial no. 6AE32994
G

Engine no. 2584290
Body type Sedan

T 1.00 NN ed.

I don't know at all if you can get them for us, but would you find out? Many thanks. They cost more in Conn. and we'd have to have a Conn. drivers licence too, at \$5. per. Sooooo.

Guess what I found in Sunnyside???? The electric Pop corner!! No less. We used it last night, and it still works OK. And that little electric marshmallow toaster you got me at Oakwood, remember? Gosh, I thought the pop corn popper went down the dumbwaiter at Claremont Dr. Oh yes, I also gathered up about 5 white tablecloths, and a few small doilies. Two of the cloths are good ones, the others not so hot, but I dyed two of them, and improved them no end, one powder blue, the other wine. The other I may do peach or something such. It covers up the spots among other things, and adds a bit gayer note. Now I have to get busy and get some napkins somewhere. The round table Kay made at Lincoln was there, but try as we could, we just couldn't jam it into or on the car anywhere, we just had to leave it. We haven't any place here for it anyway, without moving out ourselves.

By the way, do you have two more of those metal plates that Billy made to convert those wooden carved elephant gods into bookends? If you do, you might send them, the large size. And also by the way, would it be too late to send those silvered pine cones to us, and to Aunt Betty? I hate to ask you all to do any more sanding tho.

Iris, I'm sending our wedding present for DeVota and Art to you for you to take over to them, I don't know her address. Would you do that? Hope it gets there in time, I mailed it today. I hope its all right, the best we could manage. Anyway I like it. I wish we could be there for the wedding, give them our best wishes, and tell them we're gladder than ever that we decided to try it. Walt's kind of ornery at times, but I guess I wouldn't love him if he wasn't. He sure works like a dog. He's holding down two jobs at once, I never see him any more..

I'm kind of busy myself. But I feel like a shirker next to him. All and any spare time I may have I spend reading for Dad, or should I say spare time, thats my job, as well as the cooking, cleaning, washing, shopping, and studying. Anyway I love.it.

We've just been to hear a British Student Movement guy talk, and it developed in the discussion period into a talk on war and peace instead. He is very British, and formerly a pacifist, but certainly not now. He's also a clever talker, but makes me so mad the way he changes the question and never answers them. Oh well, I just hope he doesn't have much influence.

I'm going to try to get some work during vacation. Don't know just what, but I'm hoping. By the way, tell Dad, that the Sunbeam Shavemaster now has an AC model electric razor for \$7.50. I sure wish that I could earn some money for Xmas presents. By the way, was all that gift wrapping any kind of a hint????

Time for bed—

Love
Mary



Hotel Fort Pitt

PITTSBURGH

Dec. 11

1939

Alma Darling:

Get ready for BIG idea!

I hope that you will drive
the car on part of the trip to
Oregon, Washington etc. in April.
How much of the trip to cover
can be decided later.

Here is a copy of the proposed
plan. Suggest that you read
it now and then complete
this letter.



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Here are reasons why I hope
that you will be able to
accompany me on this trip:

1. You and I ought to be
together much more than has been
possible. This is important!
2. The trip can be made in
leisurely fashion and might do
you a world of good. Since the
day program does not begin
until 4 P.M., we can get
good sleep and drive leisurely
50 to 200 miles. We can take
off days to see Yellowstone, etc. etc.



Hotel Fort Pitt

PITTSBURGH

3. An immense number of strategic individuals can be reached by these regional conferences. The message will be more effective this year than later in the war.

4. Circulation of the pamphlets can greatly be increased.

5. We can pay off an extra \$1000 or \$1500 on debt.

This is the year to do this.

Later may be difficult.

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Hotel Fort Pitt

PITTSBURGH

Eager to talk this over
when I reach home.

Can hardly wait!

Devotedly

Kirby

—

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dec 12 -

Darling: Hope this reaches you. Have nothing beyond this date. Am not so sure of this, so will not forward any letters. There are a few you should answer tho. Mrs. B. J. Walker, 1968 Workman Mill Rd. Whittier, wants you to speak Jan 12 to Council of Church Women at 1st Cong Ch. Pasadena, afternoon. Can you answer immediately?

Mrs. Petersen (envelope enclosed) wants you to speak to Council of Cong. Chr. Women of Connecticut, April 24. at New Britain, afternoon.

The rest will hold over. Mr. A. Q. Burns Western Mgr. Readers Digest. (lives next 1st Baptist Ch. L.A.) is making a chain letter with a booklet. To his friends, suggesting they do the same. We are getting anxious to have you home, but have some qualms, as many advised us to nail you down a while. You may as well get it into your head. We are not sending out more of the books without orders. Too many have come back, and orders are coming in pretty regularly. We don't want to kill ourselves off just before Christmas either.

Fences just left for home last nite. The kids are out tomorrow nite. There We manage to live and let live, except some rabbits we are saving. Heap love
yours always Alma.

What! no fruitcake !!! >>>

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Fri Mon.
Dec 15th

Dear Mon -

Would you do me and
Spotty a favor? He wants
to send a box or set of
pottery like ours to his sister
for Christmas. So would you
see if you could get some
down at the hardware -
and rush it through.
You can give them these
labels to paste on - He
said spare no expense to
get it there on time -
if possible. He wants

it in the six colors.

Will send you the money
next week when I get
it from him. O.K.?

I sure hope they have it
in stock at the hardware
or at L.A. He told

Walt earlier to tell me,
but with exams and all
Walt just forgot.

Dad, the spendthrift -
send us money to buy an
electric range. He's a damn
fool - but we love him.
Walt says he can see when
he married into the right
family. The groom - two ladies -
two. Many

J Thompson Tex
Dec 17, 1939.

Dear Alma

I guess you are all
in a rush getting ready for Xmas,
and I do hope you will all
have a great time, we are getting
the four little ones a few presents
but, but for my part the older
ones will have to go, I guess we
will go to Wilfreds or they will
come here Xmas. I think they would
like to come here but the baby
has been very sick for a week,

one more there yesterday evening
and he was very sick then but
felt some better when we left.
they sure are having a time with
him, the dr could not tell what
was wrong with him this time
my idea is, it was his stomach.
I recieved a letter from cousin
last week, and said she was
to have her Tonsils out wednesday.
and thought she would not be bothered
with that hurting in her neck so much.
well she should feel better or worse
one. she had her appendix out
her teeth all out and now her
Tonsils out - now what could it

be next, well I guess the drs have
to time as well as we do. we went
to see Budshi last week and he is
getting along just fine his operation
on his eye helped him. at least
he think so, said he could see better
out of the one that was operated on
than the other one. Oh yes Cousin
address is 17 North Main st Tulsa Okla.
if you have not sent her any of your
Pamphlets he sure to send her some
she knows some people that are
interested in Sturge Books. so you
think I will sport the baby. I
guess I can take it, ~~as~~ Grandson,
Stepmother & Mother-in-law get it whether
they deserve it or not and I have

been them all. I am going to try
to come out to stay with you some
next summer that is if you do not
have too much company. and will have
a place for one, but I am sure
I could not stand it in the winter
out there. I nearly freeze here where
it is not cold yet. but I imagine
we will have some cold weather
after Xmas, well we have a gas stove
in every room and it warms up just
fine. when it is very cold we leave the
fires on all night and that suit me.
I am wishing you all a Merry Xmas
and a happy new year again.
lots of love. but regards to all. Lovingly
Father

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
CENTRAL BRANCH, CHAPEL AND HOWE STREETS

9 Broadway, #25
December 19, 1939

Dear "Hill Folks":

Well, Pappy will be home when this arrives and we know how happy you all will be. We are so happy for you too. Goodness, this will be some festive season with marriage, Christmas and all. Our orders are that you all take plenty of time off, for a good vacation and re-creation! You certainly all deserve it.

Exams are over, and the relief from the pressure is quite enjoyable. Because of wonderful reinforcement of such a home as ours, we took the exams with flying colors -- and how! Right on the nose!! Prophecied with the prophets, ethicized with Ethics, and Christianized the Life of Christ! Will work spasmodically on material for Dr. Shedd's year paper during, odd-times in vacation-- getting letters out to the various field offices of the Student Work for material on Freshmen camp program as it fits into the Orientation program of colleges.

Say, are we the chefs, or are we? Fixed up our first oven roast last Sunday, and what connoisseurs of that old English delicacy, we turned out to be. Not bad, not bad!! Walt has to keep-up with handball and basketball with such ~~an~~ feeding, and Mary doesn't exercise enough yet, sooooo, you can imagine (CENSORED!).

This may be vacation but that doesn't mean we don't keep busy; get a load of this -- ~~two~~ full days of Hi-Y club meetings, parties, and 50 boys at different times to the Hospital for a project of putting up Xmas trees in the rooms; Thurs-Fri, Sat at the Y with vacation gym and swim program; Sat. night caroling session; next week, three day camp of Kaler's young people's cabinent with Mary on the cooking end and Walt shooting the breeze and running recreation program; three days of Y work on gym and pool, then New Years! Well, enough to give you a rough idea of our vacation!

Bought our Xmas tree yesterday, and what a honey! It's bigger than the room darned near... typical Raitt custom of cutting-off the tree to get it in the room! But with ~~two~~ sets of lights (darn those Japanese bulbs -- they stink) and all the fixins, it's some sight. No lack of Xmas spirit here.

Last night we attended the annual Carol Concert given by a local Carol Society in Battel Chapel. It was simply beautiful. Grand voices and well trained choir. Most of the carols ~~with~~ new, from all centuries and many nations.

We are enclosing a copy of Tweedy's Christmas poem of last year -- it is swell for Xmas devotions -- thought you'd like it.

Much, much love now, and just the happiest and joyous Christmas to all!

Ever,

Mary + Walt

Merry Christmas!

Kirby: Geezers, is that razor the cats!! Mary says my face feels
just like the certain part of a baby's anatomy! (SHH). Don't
know how to thank you; but It's a good think you're head isn't
as big as your heart -- well it just is that's all!!

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MAY THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS BRING YOU PEACE
AND HAPPINESS—ALWAYS

Joseph, DeLyle, Madeleine and DeLyle

*Why don't you ever put Dayton
on your traveling schedule?
Sherwood did a fine job here a
few days ago.*

Dear all of you,

I have thought
so often of all of you
on your hill top, wishing
I could sit down for
a long visit. I have
kissed Kirby by almost
minutes twice, but I
am still hopeful of
seeing him in Feb.

but it is fast disappearing
in the rain. It is fun
anyway to go out in the
woods gathering laurel
and pine and trailing
pine for wreaths and
house decorations.

My best to you
this Christmas time
and may the joy
and understanding
that belong peculiarly

any.

I am spending a few
days before Christmas
in New England. My
first real trip to New
England but it is
raining and not snowing.
There has been some
snow on the ground -
the only snow this
season they say -

to this season be
yours ~~throught~~ the
year.

Louise Pfuetze

P.S. was hopeful of
seeing Mary but no luck.

3601 Locust St,
Phila. Pa.

Dear folks all -

It is Christmas eve - a time
I reserve for very special things and
activities: letters to special friends,
favorite music, well loved books -
reaching out to embrace in memory,
the kindness of the heart - for
pondering the meaning of this blessed
season.

Often a time of heavenly beauty,
this Christmas will not be a very
merry one for those who feel the
world's tragedy. But it still may be
a very meaningful one, with such a
sense of life exceeding worth
that each new day becomes a
holy birth.

Laurie, were she here, would join
me in sending affectionate greetings
and all good wishes to every body
at your house. Paul F. Fetzke



Dear Kirby:

Here she is! Sorry
we didn't get to see you
on Nov 8. Perhaps next
time you're in town you
can have dinner with
us. Best wishes for the
coming year. Jack



BEST WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas
AND A HAPPY
New Year!

JOSEPH H. DAVIES

Gratefully remembering Lake Geneva
and anticipating hearing you on
your lecture tour in this region in
February. J. H. D.

Dear Friends! -

Ben has been in Washington
this fall, but will be home for
Christmas and in December Jan. Feb. and
March. Won't you be coming this
way sometime soon - it is so long
since we have seen you - and we would
love a visit with you.

Love from us all!

Edith C.



Merry Christmas!
from
Mark, Anne, Edith and Ben Cherrington

A BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION

BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, READ, AND KNOWN BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT I, WALTON A. RAITT, ON THIS MY TWENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY DO SET FORTH THE FOLLOWING AS A PROCLAMATION OF GRATITUDE AND DEDICATION:

TO MY PARENTS, who gave me birth and reared me through much of worry and suffering, who provided a truly Christian home, and made provision for my education and nurture, who have been a constant source of inspiration, guidance, and ever-present help -- I owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation that can only be repaid by my providing the same kind of home, as far as possible, for the coming generation. To this end I hereby dedicate my potential fatherhood and our home. TO MY DAD, who remains in this life, I humbly dedicate this Proclamation; may his new home and family be a source of joy and peace.

TO MY GRANDPARENTS, who have given spiritual blessing and help, who have backed me in all endeavors, who have likewise provided for my practical education and nurture; and particularly TO MY "G-MA", who remains in this life as in truth a God-Mother, -- I offer a prayer of gratitude and blessing: "May the Lord Bless You ... and Give you Peace".

TO MY BROTHER, who has been a friend and Pal, a "swell egg" in general and in plenty of particulars, who hasn't many brains but a heart bigger than his right arm (which is plenty grandiose) -- I proclaim blood-loyalty and life-long devotion: "You can count on me, Bud!"

TO AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, who have been real friends and backers, who have given guidance and fellowship, who have been always a source of support, who have been truly loyal -- I offer my humble thanks and appreciation: "The Raitt Tribe Carries On!"

TO TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, who have done so much to bring me to this day as a fairly balanced (?) personality, who have put-up with much more than I would have been willing to take, who have been self-giving and loyal; To the Kewish Family, in particular, who have made possible a "second home", who have been the swellest people on earth -- My life-long loyalty and gratitude is yours.

TO THE PAGE FAMILY (Yes, the whole Tribe!), who have not been a pain in the neck, but one swell bunch who don't know when to stop giving, who made possible a honey-moon summer that was perfect; To One, Kirby Page, in particular, who is one of the most Christlike persons I have ever known and looked-up to, who is a real "Pappy" and Pal -- I can't begin to express my appreciation and gratitude. However, I do hereby dedicate myself to the Cause for which this Family stands and lives -- to the end that His Kingdom may be fuller realized in this world and this generation.

TO MY WIFE, who is above description in loveliness, who is loyal beyond compare, who is self-giving in utter devotion and love, who is co-operator and helpmate, who is making possible a "Colony of Heaven", who makes this Birthday the best ever -- I give my love, my life, my all anew, to the one end that God's Will may be done in this life and the next.

HUMBLY, I HEREUNTO AFFIX MY SIGN THIS 28th
DAY OF DECEMBER, 1939.

Done at New Haven, Conn.



Walton A. Raitt